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were truly worthy residents for so long. To them the following children were born: Julia A., Louis C., Frederick C., George A., Catherine E., Augustus D., and Mrs. A. E. J. Cahill. Julia A. became the wife of T. A. Hall, who was born in 1821 and came to the United States in 1836. He was in the dry goods business in Bucyrus but he and his wife are both now deceased, Mr. Hall's death taking place December 25, 1910.

Louis C. Juilliard died in Stark county, O., in middle age. In 1849 he had made his way to California, by way of the Isthmus of Panama and spent nineteen years prospecting and also merchandising in the gold mining regions, having many adventures but surviving to return to his family. He married Louise Fusier and they had a family. Frederick C. Juilliard accompanied his older brother to California in 1849 and there they were interested together in merchandising and mining. He never returned to Ohio but now resides with his family at Santa Rosa. George A. Juilliard died at Louisville, Ohio, to which city he retired after a successful agricultural life. Catherine E. is the widow of Eli Walker and has five daughters and resides with one of them at Louisville, Ohio. Augustus D. Juilliard is at the head of the well known manufacturing firm of A. D. Juilliard & Co., manufacturers of woollens and silks and extensive jobbers. He married Helen Cossett. Mrs. Cahill, who resides at Bucyrus, was born March 18, 1842, in Stark county, and was educated at Mt. Union College. She is a member of the Presbyterian church.

J. C. REIFF, one of the successful farmers and leading citizens of Holmes township, Crawford county, O., resides on his valuable farm of eighty acres, which lies six and one-half miles northwest of Bucyrus. He was born on the old home place, August 17, 1867, and is a son of J. C. and Mary (Shock) Reiff, well known people for many years in this section.

J. C. Reiff attended the country schools and afterward assisted his father on the home place, farming and stock raising being the industries which engaged his attention then and have continued to do so until the present. Mr. Reiff was united in marriage with Miss Stella

Frost and they have two children, Chester and Russell. Mr. Reiff and family are members of the United Brethren church. He has been active in political circles for a number of years and has served with efficiency in public office, the township never having had a more honest assessor or trustee than he. At present he is the candidate of the Democratic party for county commissioner. He takes much interest in the two fraternal organizations with which he is connected, the Eagles and the Foresters, and also has a wide acquaintance and many friends all over the county.

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PHILIP FUHRMAN, deceased, for a number of years was a successful business man of Bucyrus, O., and a respected and esteemed citizen. He was born in Boerstadt, Reimpfaltz, Germany, July 12, 1828, and accompanied his parents to America in 1832 and to Bucyrus in 1836, and in this city seventy-four years of his life were passed, his death occurring in his home here, September 26, 1910. He was a son of Sebastian and Elizabeth (Rolle) Fuhrman.

On the paternal side the family was distinctly German, but there was a French strain on the maternal. Sebastian Fuhrman was given an education that fitted him for professional life, and his natural musical gifts had also received attention. He served all through the Napoleonic wars. When it came to providing for the wants of his family he sensibly learned a useful trade, becoming a butcher and followed the meat trade all his active life. In 1832, with wife and three children—these being: Catherine, now Mrs. Stauffer, and Philip and Thomas—he embarked for America and after a long and stormy voyage on the Atlantic Ocean, on one of the old, slow-going sailing vessels of that day, the family landed safely in the harbor of New York and from there made their way to Ohio. In 1836 they came to Crawford county and Sebastian Fuhrman embarked in the meat business while his resourceful and industrious wife started a boarding-house. Together they prospered and were able to give their children comforts and advantages far beyond those of many. For more than forty years they carried on their enterprises and were highly respected people. They were members of the Roman Catholic church and

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did much in the early days to firmly found the church here. Sebastian Fuhrman died August 9, 1877, in the eightieth year of his age, his widow surviving him for six years. The following children were born in America: Mrs. Geo. Donnenwirth; Mrs. Charles Amon, of Fort Wayne, Ind.; John, deceased; and Mrs. A. J. High, also deceased.

Philip Fuhrman attended school at Bucyrus and then learned the butchering business under his father and continued in the meat and stock business until within twenty years of his death, when he retired. He was an excellent business man but never accumulated a very large fortune because of his generous impulses and his unselfishness. He contributed to charity in every form and there are many people now living at Bucyrus who owe much to the kind heart and free-giving hand of Mr. Fuhrman. Although he held to no particular religious creed, his life proved his true Christianity. He was a good citizen in every meaning of the term and assisted in forwarding public movements here when he was convinced they would be for the general welfare.

Mr. Fuhrman was married at Mifflin, O., to Miss Sarah Stauffer, who was born and educated there, a daughter of John and Catherine (Rice) Stauffer, natives of Pennsylvania. They came to Ohio early in married life and the father of Mrs. Fuhrman followed the trade of a miller. Subsequently they moved to Kansas and both died there aged seventy years. Mrs. Fuhrman died April 25, 1888, after a very short illness. She was a woman of beautiful character and was a devoted member of the Presbyterian church. Two daughters survive: Alice and Emma L. The former is the wife of Edward McAllister, residing at Leipsic, Putnam county, O., a railroad man. Emma L. Fuhrman was born at Bucyrus, O., October 14, 1856, and was reared and educated here. She was married in 1900 to Frank Royce, who was born August 11, 1856, at Madison, Wis. He was educated at Grand Rapids, Mich., and since the organization of the Grand Rapids Hardware Company, has been associated with that house and is now representing the firm through New York and Pennsylvania. Mr. Royce is a Republican in politics and is identified with the Masonic fraternity. Mrs. Royce is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

WILLIAM A. HIGH, who was born in the northwest corner of Cranberry township, Crawford county, O., February 9, 1871, is a well known business man of New Washington and is the junior member of the undertaking firm of High & DeRoche, being licensed as an embalmer by the State of Ohio, and is also general agent for the Union Central Life Insurance Company of Cincinnati, Ohio. He is a son of Michael and Mary (Donnenwirth) High.

Michael High came to New Washington when he was twelve years old, from Germany, where he attended school and afterward he learned the blacksmith trade and worked with his brother-in-law, George Donnenwirth. After his marriage he moved to Cranberry township and there the following children were born: Matilda, who married John Michelfelder; Magdaline Elizabeth, who married Adam B. Shaffer; Margaret Louise, who married John J. Sutter; George A., who is deceased; John Jacob, who married Ella M. Tribolet; Adam F., who married Caroline M. Aschbacher; Mary F.; William A.; and Rudolph Henry, who lives on the old homestead. The father died August 22, 1884 when past sixty-three years of age and his burial was in the Lutheran cemetery. His wife, Mary (Donnenwirth) High, was born in Stark county, O., September 23, 1828, and lived seventy-two years on the old homestead, a good woman beloved by her family and respected by all who knew her. She died January 28, 1904, and was also buried in the Lutheran cemetery.

William A. High attended the public schools in Cranberry township and when nineteen years old entered the New Washington High School and in 1902 took a course in the Ohio Normal University at Ada, in the department of law but was not admitted to the bar. He taught school in several different townships in the county but failing health warned him to direct his attention in other channels and he gave up both educational work and the law. On March 27, 1900, he directed his first funeral and on the same day he wrote his first life insurance application. On February 27, 1898, he was married to Miss Anna M. Eckert, who was born in Jefferson township, Crawford county, a daughter of John R. and Barbara (Volkmar) Eckert, the former of whom

still lives in that section of the county. Mr. and Mrs. High have had three children: Paul Franklin, who died February 6, 1907, aged four years; and Martha Margaret and Luther William. They are members of the Lutheran church at New Washington, which was practically founded at New Washington by Mr. High's grandfather, Adam High, who built the second house here. In politics Mr. High is a Democrat and for ten years he has been a notary public.

JOHN S. DE LASHMUTT, auditor for the American Clay Machinery Company of Bucyrus, O., who has been a resident of this city for the past sixteen years, was born at Lancaster, O., January 29, 1864, and is a son of Dr. Van Elias and Cleanthe (Sifford) De Lashmutt.

The De Lashmutt family originated in France and four brothers of the name came to the American colonies prior to the Revolutionary War, three of whom settled in what is now the State of Maryland. One of the descendants was the grandfather of John S. De Lashmutt, and spent his life in Frederick county, Md., a planter and slaveholder in early days. Of his eight sons and three daughters there are three sons and two daughters yet living.

Dr. Van Elias De Lashmutt became a physician and after graduating from a Maryland university and medical college, engaged in the practice of medicine, residing for the most part until 1871, at Frederick City and Baltimore. He then moved to Shelburn, Sullivan county, Ind., and continued there in the practice of medicine until the day of his death. This occurred on May 24, 1911, interrupting the pleasant festivities provided by the family as it was the anniversary of his wedding, more than fifty years before. He was then almost seventy-nine years of age but was comparatively well both in mind and body. During his earlier life he was a member of the Episcopal church but after moving to Shelburn became identified with the Methodist Episcopal church and subsequently an official of the same. He was married to Cleanthe Sifford, a daughter of John Sifford, of Frederick City, Md. She died when aged about seventy years, a most estimable woman and an active member of the

Methodist Episcopal church. Five children were born to Dr. De Lashmutt and wife, namely: Gertrude, who is the wife of William Jackson, of Baltimore, Md.; Frank T., who was killed in 1908, in a mine explosion; John S.; Oscar L., who is in business at Shelburn, Ind.; and Mary Ellen, whose death occurred January 29, 1912, who was the wife of William E. Mills, who is also deceased, formerly sheriff of Sullivan county, Ind., and a member of the business firm of W. E. Mills & Co. Their two children are: Juanita and William.

John S. De Lashmutt was educated at Frederick City, Md., and at Shelburn, Ind. When only sixteen years old and while still in school he learned telegraphing and later became connected with the Evansville & Terre Haute Railroad as telegraph operator and station agent, afterward coming to Ohio and accepting a similar position with the Ohio Central lines, now a part of the New York Central system. In 1891 he came to Bucyrus and was with the Ohio Central of the New York Central system for four years. In 1905 he became identified with his present house, then the Fry-Sheckler Company, continuing after the reorganization of the business. He served first as an accountant and bookkeeper but since 1902 has been auditor for the company, a position of large responsibility that he fills with the utmost efficiency. From principle he is a Republican and takes a hearty interest in all that pertains to good citizenship but his busy life leaves him no time in which to accept the cares of any public office.

Mr. De Lashmutt was married at Bremen, Fairfield county, O., to Miss Ada Stuart, who was born in that city, reared and educated there and they have three children: Cleantha, born in 1889; Clarence, born in 1893; and William S., born in 1895. Mr. De Lashmutt and family are members of the Presbyterian church. He is identified with the Elks, the Maccabees and the order of Ben Hur.

DAVID G. ULMER, who is one of the substantial citizens and excellent farmers of Liberty township, resides on the old Ulmer homestead one and one-half miles north of Sulphur Springs, where he has eighty acres and owns an additional forty acres lying a little farther

south. He was born here, August 3, 1862, and is a son of John Gottlieb Ulmer, an early settler in this section.

David G. Ulmer attended the public schools until old enough to become self supporting and afterward worked by the month and day for some fourteen years, at the end of which period he bought the interests of the other heirs in the homestead and has resided here ever since. He gives attention to general farming and raises good stock, paying close attention to his business and consequently being very successful.

Mr. Ulmer was married first to Miss Tillie Knappenberger, who died twelve years later, after which he married Mrs. Mary (Leuthard) Lutz. They have a very comfortable residence and Mr. Ulmer has recently completed a spacious barn. They are members of the Lutheran church and are highly respected people. In politics, Mr. Ulmer votes with the Democratic party.

WALTER M. HUBBELL, assistant secretary of the American Clay Machinery Company of Bucyrus, O., has been identified with this important business enterprise since 1907. He was born near Elkhart, Ind., March 25, 1879, and resided and attended school in Huntington county until he was fifteen years of age, when he came to Bucyrus.

Mr. Hubbell completed his education in the Bucyrus schools. In 1898 he enlisted from here for service in the Spanish-American War, becoming a member of Co. A, 8th O. Vol. Inf., which was commanded by Captain Charlton and the regiment by Colonel Hard of Wooster. Mr. Hubbell accompanied his regiment to Cuba, where it passed forty days and then returned to the United States and he was honorably discharged in the same year. On his way home he was taken ill at Montauk, L. I., and while his regiment passed on to Ohio he was detained at the Red Cross Emergency Hospital, where he developed typhoid fever. In a delirious condition he escaped at midnight from his nurse and in some way still unknown to himself, wandered on a highway where he was picked up by W. H. Baldwin, president of the Long Island Railroad. This Good Samaritan placed him in charge of two nurses and a physician and paid the expense and when con-

valescent took the young soldier to his own house, where, with comfort, care and luxury, he recuperated to such an extent in two weeks that he was able to accept the position tendered him by his protector, on the Long Island Railroad. Mr. Baldwin is now deceased but Mr. Hubbell justly believes that he can never sufficiently express his gratitude and will never fail to relate this occurrence and with tender feelings thus perpetuate Mr. Baldwin's memory.

Mr. Hubbell did not fail to take full advantage of the business opportunity thus afforded him and remained in different capacities on the Long Island Railroad for six years and at the time of Mr. Baldwin's death he was local agent at Coney Island. Afterward he was tendered and accepted a remunerative position with the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Company, with which corporation he remained until 1907, when he came to Bucyrus again and two years later became assistant secretary of the American Clay Machinery Company. Mr. Hubbell is a director of the Y. M. C. A. and president of the board, and is a trustee of the First Presbyterian church. He is identified fraternally with the Masons and the Elks and belongs to Holmes Camp of the Spanish War Veterans.

Mr. Hubbell was married in this city to Miss Myra L. Fitsimmons, a daughter of the late Dr. James Fitsimmons, and they have one daughter, Myra L., who was born at Brooklyn, N. Y., July 8, 1907.

C. H. FLICKINGER, proprietor of a saw-mill located three miles north of Bucyrus, O., is one of the leading men of Holmes township, Crawford county, and at present is serving in the office of township clerk. He belongs to one of the old county families and was born July 25, 1868, at Broken Sword, Holmes township, and is a son of Samuel and Margaret J. (Frailick) Flickinger.

Samuel Flickinger was born also in Holmes township, in which he died March 7, 1911, when aged seventy-three years and eleven months. He was engaged in the saw-mill business his entire life and owned the Flickinger mill that his son now owns and operates. He married Margaret J. Frailick, a daughter of Daniel Frailick, who was one of the old settlers

of the county. She was born November 29, 1849, and still survives. Of their seven children three are living, namely: Mrs. Roy C. Start, who lives at Toledo; Guy, who is in the drug business at Toledo; and C. H., of Bucyrus. Three children died in infancy and Harry, the second son, is also deceased.

C. H. Flickinger attended the public schools until old enough to work in his father's mill and he has since continued in the business. The Flickinger mill is the largest mill in this section and has a capacity of 3000 feet of lumber a day. Combined with it is a cider press. Mr. Flickinger has devoted himself pretty closely to this business and has prospered, but he has not neglected public matters, which should claim the attention of every good citizen. He is identified with the Democratic party and has served Holmes township in the office of assessor five terms and, as mentioned above, is now the efficient and popular township clerk.

Mr. Flickinger was married December 24, 1893, to Miss Sarepta Smith, a daughter of Squire Frederick Smith, of Lykens township, who was born in Germany, but who for many years has been a respected citizen and farmer in Crawford county. Mr. and Mrs. Flickinger have had five children: Dale, Alice, Jewel, Ross and Gordon, all of whom survive except Jewel. Mr. Flickinger belongs to the fraternal order of Eagles.

JOHN McMICHAEL, deceased, for many years was a well known and highly esteemed citizen of Whetstone township, Crawford county, O., where he owned 300 acres of well improved land. He was born in 1842, in Liberty township and died on his farm in Whetstone township in 1901. His father, David McMichael, was of Scotch ancestry but was born in Ohio and came to Crawford county and settled in Liberty township in early manhood. He married Margaret Anderson, who was probably born in Crawford county and lived to be an aged lady. His death occurred in 1854. Of their nine children, the eldest, Daniel, still survives and lives in Liberty township and has four sons.

The late John McMichael was one of the younger members of his parents' family of nine children. He grew up on the home farm,

attended the early schools and assisted his father in his agricultural operations until he secured farm property of his own. He never had any outside business interest but devoted himself to agriculture and was considered one of the most successful farmers and stockmen of his neighborhood. Being a man of intelligence, good judgment and sterling character, he was frequently selected by his political party for local offices but was not elected on account of the party to which he belonged being greatly in the minority in the county.

Mr. McMichael was married in Whetstone township to Miss Mary A. Trimble, who was born there, May 21, 1844, a daughter of John and Isa (Parcher) Trimble. John Trimble was born in Eastern Ohio and his wife in Vermont and they were married in Whetstone township, where Mr. Trimble secured land from the Government which has become very valuable. He lived to be eighty-seven years of age, his wife passing away at the age of seventy-two. They were members of the Baptist church. Of their nine children, six grew to maturity and five of these married and had issue. Mrs. McMichael is the only survivor of the family. To Mr. and Mrs. McMichael nine children were born, two of whom are deceased, Mary and Emma, both of whom died after marriage, the latter being survived by a daughter, Orina Quaintance. The living children are as follows: Eugene, a farmer of Whetstone township, who is married and has four children—Zelma, Ethel, Raymond and Lois; Lawrence, who resides at Bucyrus and has five children—Archie, Hazel, Elva, Ruby and Maybell; Wayland E., who is a rural mail carrier out from Bucyrus; Leroy, a farmer and a contractor on road work in Whetstone township, who has three children—Ralph E., Harold G. and Maurice E.; Bessie K., who resides with her mother; J. Garfield, who is a stenographer with the American Clay Machinery Company at Bucyrus, and has one son, Robert N.; and Oren A., living in Bucyrus. The above young men, like their late father, are all Republicans and representative and respected citizens. After the death of the father the family moved to Bucyrus and Mrs. McMichael enjoys a pleasant home here and she and her daughter are agreeably connected with church and social circles.

ISAAC WILSON HURR, one of the heirs of the Hurr farm, located in Whetstone township, was born on this farm, on which he still lives and which he now manages, February 2, 1865, a son of David and Mary (Heverly) Hurr.

George and Christina (Kehrer) Hurr, the parents of David Hurr and grandparents of the subject of this article, were farming people and natives of Pennsylvania. Their children were Jacob, Christina (wife of Isaac Beal), George, David and Mary (the wife of Jacob Shearer).

David Hurr was born March 4, 1836, in Lyscoming county, Pa., and came to Crawford county, Ohio, when twelve years old. After the usual common school education he went to work on a farm and followed agricultural pursuits all his life. On December 6, 1861, he was married to Mary Heverly, who was born on the farm in Whetstone township on which our subject now lives, which farm was formerly the Heverly homestead. She was a daughter of John and Christina (Miller) Heverly, natives of Germany. Her father was a weaver by trade but later a farmer. Mr. and Mrs. John Heverly had the following children: John, Caroline, wife of Philip Shedding; Frederick, Catherine, wife of Abraham Gable; Mary and Samuel. To David Hurr and his wife were born Charles, Isaac W., Harriet M., Emma L., John Harrison and Carrie Alberta. The last mentioned is a teacher in the Union School at Bucyrus where the mother and daughters now live. David Hurr passed away at Bucyrus July 6, 1906.

Isaac W. Hurr, the direct subject of this sketch, received a common school education, as did his father, and then went to work as a farmer. He does general farming and raises stock for his own use. He was married on December 20, 1905, to Miss Eva Dalzell, a daughter of William and Emma (Frisby) Dalzell. William Dalzell was a veteran of the Civil War and died shortly after coming home. Their children were Charlotta, the wife of William E. Redmond; and Eva (Mrs. Hurr).

Politically Mr. Hurr is a Democrat but votes for the man whom he thinks most capable rather than for his party's choice. He is a member of the F. & A. M. at Caledonia, Ohio.

His religious affiliation is with the English M. E. church.

ADORHAM J. FLAHARTY, deceased, a well known and popular railroad man and for a number of years station agent at Bucyrus for the Pennsylvania Railroad, was born at Pine Run, Knox county, O., and died at Bucyrus at the age of sixty-six years. His parents were Perry and Susan (Feasele) Flaharty, and his grandparents were Nicholas and Nancy Flaharty. The latter were natives of Belmont county, O., and they became early settlers in Richland county and there Perry Flaharty grew to manhood and engaged in the mercantile business at Bellville, where both he and wife died. They had eight children, Adorham J. being the eldest and all are now deceased.

Adorham J. Flaharty was given a good common school education. He became connected with the railroad in 1865 as a telegraph operator and for twenty years or until two years before his death, was connected with the Pennsylvania Railroad. To his duties he gave the attention which made him so long valued by his employers as one of their most faithful and competent men, and during his long period as agent at Bucyrus, he made many friends through his courtesy and good will. In politics he was a Republican. For some years he belonged to the Knights of Pythias and to the Knights of Honor.

Mr. Flaharty was married at Bellville, Richland county, O., to Miss Sarah M. Coleman, who was born on her father's farm in Morrow county, O., September 2, 1844, a daughter of Joseph Harrison and Fannie (Kerr) Coleman. The Coleman family is of Irish ancestry. Following their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Coleman settled on a farm in Richland county and there the latter died at the age of forty-eight years. Mr. Coleman died at Forest, Hardin county, O., aged sixty-three years. Of their six children there are three yet living; Mrs. Flaharty being one of the younger members. Five children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Flaharty, two of whom died young, the survivors being: Harry B. and Fred C., railroad men, both of whom reside at Skagway, Alaska; and Carrie Gertrude, who is the wife of Carl E. Roehr, and has three children:

Margaret E., Martha Jane and Charles J., their ages ranging from nine to six years.

A. A. DE ROCHE, a representative business man of New Washington, O., who has been a justice of the peace for five years, is active in the insurance business and is interested in the undertaking firm of High & De Roche, was born in Chatfield township, Crawford county, O., December 6, 1869, a son of John D. and Margaret (Miller) De Roche.

John D. De Roche was born in Columbiana county, O., October 21st, 1831, and came to Crawford county with his parents, David L. and Susanna (Wysard) De Roche. David L. De Roche settled on a tract of forty acres, in Chatfield township, one mile west of the Cranberry township line, to which he later added forty acres and still later, 100 acres and there he died when aged 56 years, his burial being in the Windfall cemetery. They were members of the Lutheran church but frequently attended religious services of other denominations, particularly the Presbyterian. John D. De Roche grew to manhood as a farmer and spent his life on the homestead in Chatfield township until he sold his farm when he retired to live in New Washington and now makes his home with his son, David L. De Roche. He married Margaret Miller, who was a native of Canton, Stark county, O. They had five sons: William H., George A., Edward, Adam A. and David and one daughter, Emma E. Mrs. De Roche died March 8, 1899.

A. A. De Roche is a graduate of the New Washington High School and also of the Ohio Normal University at Ada, O. For thirteen years he followed school teaching, for a part of the time in Chatfield, Cranberry, Auburn and Whetstone townships, one year in Seneca county, and for five years was a teacher in the public schools at New Washington. When he retired from the educational field he went into the insurance business and has done well and is agent for fire, accident and plate glass companies. He maintains his office on Mansfield Street, New Washington, and is in partnership with W. A. High in undertaking. His insurance territory covers Auburn, Chatfield, Cranberry and Liberty townships, in Crawford county and Seneca and Huron counties, repre-

senting twelve fire insurance companies, one accident company, one health insurance, one live stock and plate glass.

Mr. De Roche married Miss Louisa J. Aschbacher, a daughter of William and Christina Aschbacher, and they have two children: Firmin, who is a school boy of thirteen years; and Pauline Alberta, who is three years old. In politics Mr. De Roche is a Republican and is clerk of the school board. He and wife belong to the Lutheran church, of which he is secretary.

MICHAEL FLOCKEN, deceased, for many years was a highly respected citizen of Bucyrus, O., and was one of the prosperous business men. He was born in Rhine Byron, by Langdau, Germany, April 9, 1829, a son of Michael Flocken, who was a wine manufacturer in one of the German Rhine provinces. He was twice married and one of his sons is a prominent physician in Germany.

The parents of Michael Flocken the younger, died in Germany, but he, with his brothers, Jacob, Louis and Conrad, and his two sisters, all came to the United States and all married here. Michael had already had some experiences away from home, having spent three years with an uncle in Russia and while there learned the difficult Russian language. In 1850 he came to America and settled for a time in Pennsylvania, where he worked at the cooper trade, and then came to Bucyrus and continued in the business as long as it was profitable. Always industrious and prudent, he accumulated a comfortable property. He was known as a good man, kind and neighborly in the community and ever ready to contribute to charity. He was deeply interested in the work of the German Methodist church and was an official in the same and superintendent of the Sunday school. He identified himself with the Republican party and belonged to the beneficial order of Knights of Honor.

Mr. Flocken was married in 1853, at Galion, O., by Rev. John Smith, uncle of the bride, to Miss Anna E. Rupparsberger, who was born at Christianfeldt, Hesse Darmstadt, Germany, June 16, 1835, a daughter of Henry and Elizabeth M. (Schmidt) Rupparsberger. Her parents were both natives of Hesse Darmstadt. The father died in 1847 and the mother in

1853. She came to America with her children, sailing from Bremen and landing at New York six weeks later. The little family came right on to Ohio, where they joined Rev. Jacob Schmidt, a brother of Mrs. Rupparsberger. Some time later the mother became a member of a daughter's family and died at Sulphur Springs. She was a member of the German Lutheran church. Mrs. Flocken and her brother Frederick, are the only survivors of their parents' family.

To Mr. and Mrs. Flocken twelve children were born, the eight survivors being as follows: Sophia, who is the wife of John H. Miers, a saddler, at Bucyrus; Lewis H., who is a retired druggist, living at Marion, O.; Edward, who is foreman in a manufacturing plant at Mansfield; Charles, who resides with his family at Bucyrus; Frederick J., who is a druggist at Marion; William F., who conducts a barber shop at Bucyrus; John H., who is also a barber; and Nellie S., who is the wife of Irvin Miller, a photographer at Mt. Vernon, Ohio. Mrs. Flocken and children belong to the German Methodist church.

HARRY G. LA RUE, a successful farmer, who resides on a well improved tract of twenty-three acres which is situated in Liberty township, Crawford county, O., one mile south and half a mile southwest of Sulphur Springs, O., is a substantial and well known citizen. He was born in Crawford county, O., June 25, 1879, and is a son of Frank and Ardella (Waller) La Rue. The parents of Mr. La Rue were also born in Ohio. They reared ten children, namely: Charles, Lysander, Cora, Ralph, Guy, Harry G., James, Edna, Ernest and Gertrude.

Harry G. La Rue attended the public schools in his native county and prepared himself for teaching, which profession he has followed ever since, in addition to his agricultural activities. He is well known as an educator and in every place he has taught has given entire satisfaction.

Mr. La Rue married Miss Mabel Colwell, who is a daughter of Thomas and Mary (Wentz) Colwell, natives of Crawford county. Mr. and Mrs. La Rue have two children, Helen and Dorothy. In politics Mr. La Rue is identified with the Republican party. He is

one of the active and intelligent citizens of his neighborhood and takes a hearty interest in everything that promises to benefit it in any way.

ANTHONY SCHACK, deceased, who, for many years, was identified with the Pennsylvania railroad offices at Bucyrus, O., was unusually popular as an official and was highly esteemed as a man. He was born April 5, 1858, at Woodbourne, Sullivan county, N. Y., and died at his home in Bucyrus, April 12, 1902. He was a son of Adam and Elizabeth (Zimmer) Schack.

The family name was variously spelled, sometimes Schock, Schaack, Schwack or Schack, the last orthography being most acceptable to the late Anthony Schack. The father, Adam, lost his parents when young and was probably about eighteen years of age when he left Germany for the United States. He resided for some time in Sullivan county, N. Y., and moved then to Elk county, Pa., and late in life came to Bucyrus, where he died at the home of a daughter, Mrs. Matthews, being then aged over seventy years. His wife had died previously at Wilcox, Elk county, Pa. She was a Roman Catholic while he was a Presbyterian. Of their ten children, Anthony was the youngest.

From the schools of Elk county, Anthony Schack entered Oberlin College, O., where he completed a course in bookkeeping and telegraphy, after which he returned to Pennsylvania. He was associated for a time with a tanning company, later was a merchant in Salamanca, N. Y., and still later went to Chicago, Ill., where he was connected with a tannery until November, 1880, when he came to Bucyrus. He accepted a position as bill clerk in the offices of the Pennsylvania Railroad and some time later was appointed ticket agent for the same company and continued in that office until about the time of his death. He was an active citizen and occasionally accepted public office although no seeker for the same and served as city treasurer. His friends affectionately called him Tony and he reciprocated their friendliness and appreciated their comradeship. He was a member of the Knights of Pythias. Although identified with no par-

ticular church organization, his life was in accordance with moral principles.

On December 28, 1898, Mr. Schack was married at Bucyrus, to Miss Mary Amelia Matthew, who was born at Leipsic, Crawford county, O., a daughter of Charles M. and Margaret (Schack) Matthew. The father was born April 25, 1825, in Rheinisch Prussia, and died at Bucyrus, March 5, 1901. In 1847 he came to America, both parents being dead, and after landing at the port of New York, went to the copper regions of Michigan and Wisconsin, where he engaged there in work in the mines. Later he moved to Seneca county, O., and started a wagonmaking business at Republic, where he lived for ten years. He came then to Bucyrus and for a number of years was employed as a patternmaker and foreman in some of the large manufacturing plants. In his native land he had learned the cabinetmaking trade and previous to retirement he conducted a furniture and undertaking establishment. He was a worthy church member, one of the leading men in the Reformed body, and at all times he gave liberally in the way of charity. He was a member of the order of Knights of Honor.

At Tiffin, O., April 15, 1853, Charles M. Matthew was married to Margaret Schack, who was born in Bavaria, Germany, and came to the United States after reaching young womanhood. She died November 23, 1886. Her daughter pays a high tribute to her as a devoted mother, an example of Christian living, kind, wise and loving in every domestic relation. She was the mother of seven children, namely: Jacob H., who is deceased; Charles F.; Louise Lucy, who lives at Albany, Ore.; Mrs. Schack; John Philip, a clothing merchant at Bucyrus, who has one son, Donald S.; William E., who is in business at Cleveland, and has three children—Helen L., Paul C. and Janet A.; and George F., who resides with his sister, Mrs. Schack. She is a member of the Presbyterian church and is interested in its many avenues of usefulness and has a pleasant circle of friends, many of whom she has known all her life.

ARTHUR C. ROWSE, whose excellent farm of 70 acres lies one mile north of Osceola, O., is one of the successful and enterpris-

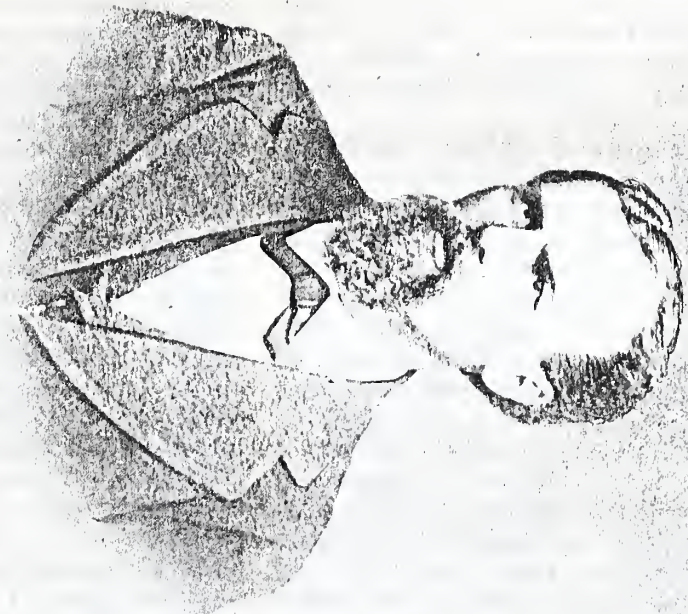
ing young agriculturists of this part of Crawford county. He was born in 1881, in Wyandot county, and is a son of Walter and Cornelia (Straw) Rowse.

Walter Rowse belonged to an old family of Crawford county and was reared at Bucyrus until he was fourteen years of age and then went to Wyandot county, where he engaged in farming until one year before his death, when he moved into Marion county and died there when aged 54 years. He married Cornelia Straw, of Wyandot county and the following children were born to them: Quincy, Frank, Arthur, Grace, Ella, and Sallie and Milton, twins, there being yet five survivors.

Arthur C. Rowse turned his attention to agricultural pursuits as soon as he left school, assisting his father on the home place for some years and then locating in Whetstone township, Crawford county, for six years. In December, 1909, he bought his present farm on which he carries on his farm industries in a very satisfactory manner, according to the best recognized methods. They include a general line of farming and the raising of considerable stock.

Mr. Rowse married Miss Alice Harvey, who was born in Crawford county but was reared in Wyandot county, O., her parents residing near Mt. Zion. Mr. and Mrs. Rowse have one daughter, Marie. They are members of the United Brethren church at Osceola, O. In politics Mr. Rowse is a Republican. He is known as one of the reliable men of Tod township and his interest may be counted on in relation to beneficial and public-spirited movements in his section.

PHILIP ROSS, deceased, was a leading business man of Bucyrus, O., for many years and was valued and esteemed by his fellow citizens. He was born in Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany, July 3, 1813, and was a son of Peter and Margaret (Zimmerman) Ross. The family came to America on a sailing vessel in 1858, landing at the harbor of New York, and from that city they came on to Crawford county and secured heavily timbered lands in Lykens township. There Jacob Ross died, two years later, before he had time to develop a farm. His widow afterward made her home with her son Peter and died there in 1893, aged eighty-



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three years. In Germany they had been confirmed in the Lutheran church and they were attendants of the same at Chatfield, O.

Philip Ross was the third youngest in a family of seven children and was eighteen years of age when the family came to America. He attended school at Chatfield and later a mechanics and arts school at Sandusky, and afterward became a skilled carpenter and builder, following this business for many years. He went into partnership with his brother George, in building contracting in 1868, at Bucyrus, and continued in the same until his death, on January 24, 1905, having survived his brother for six years. They were considered reliable and efficient men in their line and erected many of the halls, private residences and public buildings in this city, including the Opera House. Politically Mr. Ross was a Democrat and enjoyed the confidence of his party and served for some terms as a valued member of the city council.

Mr. Ross was married at Bucyrus, on May 26, 1878, to Miss Theresa Vollrath, who was born in this city, March 17, 1857, and has always lived here. Her parents were Albert and Catherine (Mader) Vollrath, natives of Saxony, Germany, who came to America with their parents in 1852, in the days when it required three months to cover the great waste of water rolling between Europe and America. For one year afterward they lived at Rochester, N. Y., and then came to Bucyrus, where Albert Vollrath died November 15, 1907, aged seventy-eight years. He was engaged during his active life in the planing mill business. The mother of Mrs. Ross died August 5, 1895, aged sixty years. They were members of the German Lutheran church. Mr. and Mrs. Vollrath had one son and four daughters born to them: Mrs. Ross; Malink, who is the wife of E. R. Birk, of Bucyrus; Carrie, who is the wife of Charles Fisher, of White Plains N. Y.; and William and Louisa, both of whom died unmarried.

Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Ross namely: Otto C., born April 1, 1879, who resides at home and is connected with the T. & O. C. Railroad Shops; Harry Jacob, who was born August 12, 1880, and who is a machinist with the American Clay Machinery Company; and Ora Irene, born August 2, 1881, who

is a graduate of the Bucyrus High School in the class of 1900. She is a member of the English Lutheran church, while her mother and brothers retain membership with the German Lutherans.. The late Philip Ross was a Scottish Rite Mason and was also a member of the Knights of Pythias.

GEORGE ROSS was an honorable, upright and successful business man of Bucyrus, O., for many years and was closely identified during that time in its material development. He was born in Hesse Darmstadt, Germany, May 31, 1839, and died at his home in Bucyrus, May 29, 1899. He was one of a family of seven children born to his parents, who were Peter and Margaret (Zimmerman) Ross.

George Ross was 15 years old when he accompanied his parents to America and grew to manhood on the old farm in Lykens township, Crawford county, O. His father died early but his mother survived into old age. After his school days were entirely over he learned the carpenter trade which included house building, at Sandusky, his younger brother, the late Philip Ross having also learned his trade at the same place. The brothers came to Bucyrus and formed a partnership and continued together in a building and contracting business in this city as long as they lived, the younger member of the firm continuing for six years after the death of the older. Many of the fine buildings of all kinds which adorn this city were erected by this firm and from their own plans. Mr. Ross was noted for his reliability and it was often remarked that this firm was thoroughly dependable. He was a man of quiet life, a Democrat in his political opinions but no seeker for office, and a faithful member of the German Lutheran church. He provided an insurance for his family, being identified with the Royal Arcanum and the Royal Home Society.

Mr. Ross was married in 1865 to Miss Emma Jacobs, who was born in Lykens township, Crawford county, in June, 1843, and is a daughter of August and Frederica (Bear) Jacobs. They were natives of Germany, where they were reared and married, soon after embarking on a sailing vessel for America. They reached the United States after

a voyage of seven weeks and were landed at the port of New York and from there came to Springfield, O. After two years there they came to Lykens township, where they were among the early settlers. Their first home was a log cabin built in a little clearing made by Mr. Jacobs and their neighbors were Indians. By trade he was a carpenter and he followed the same and also managed to clear and develop his farm of 100 acres. Here he died in 1890, aged 79 years, having outlived his wife for 19 years. In their youth, in Germany, they had been confirmed in the German Lutheran church and they continued in that faith during the rest of their lives. Seven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Jacobs, the two survivors being Mrs. Ross and Charles Jacobs, both being residents of Bucyrus. To Mr. and Mrs. George Ross were born a daughter and a son—Carrie May and Frank George. The former, who was born in 1875, died May 6, 1909; she was the wife of Peter Bossler, who died six years after their marriage, leaving no children. The latter, Frank George, was born Dec. 16, 1877, is unmarried and makes his home with his mother. He is a well known and popular engineer on the T. & O. C. Railroad. He is a Knight Templar Mason, an Elk, belongs to the Uniform Rank, Knights of Pythias, to the order of Eagles and to the Forester organization and to the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers. Mrs. Ross is a member of the German Lutheran church, in which Mr. Ross was an elder for many years.

MERVIN J. GIBSON, who is successfully carrying on agricultural operations on his mother's farm of eighty acres, which is situated in Whetstone township, Crawford county, O., was born in this township, October 10, 1883, and is a son of Andrew and Letty J. (Campbell) Gibson.

Andrew Gibson was born in Crawford county, where he has been engaged in farming ever since his term of service in the Civil war closed. He married Letty J. Campbell, who was also born in Crawford county, and three children were born to them, namely: Iva M., who is the wife of Jeremiah Lowmiller; Mervin J. and Claude M. Andrew Gibson and wife are members of the Presbyterian church.

Mervin J. Gibson obtained a common school education and afterward assisted his father on the home farm. He remained until March, 1910, when he took charge of his mother's farm in Whetstone township, where his intelligent methods have brought about very satisfactory results. Mr. Gibson is not an experimenter, his whole previous training having been along the line in which he is engaged, but he is wide awake and keeps posted as to modern methods of procedure and makes use of labor-saving machinery.

On December 22, 1909, Mr. Gibson was married to Miss Austie B. Seif, a daughter of David and Caroline (Deisen) Seif, the former of whom was born in Morrow county, O., and the latter in Germany. Mrs. Gibson has one brother and one sister: Carl D. and Erna C. On December 13, 1910, a daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Gibson, to whom they gave the name, Edith Caroline. They attend the Lutheran church. In politics, Mr. Gibson, like his father, is a Republican. The family is a highly respected one in Crawford county.

REV. ISAAC BEAL, a highly respected retired farmer of Bucyrus, O., and a lay preacher in the German Methodist church, was born in Lycoming county, Pa., August 28, 1828, and is a son of George and a grandson of John Michael Beal, the latter of whom married in their native village near Stuttgart, Germany. He was born September 3, 1759, and she was but a few years younger. After the birth of their children, namely: John Michael, Jr., George, Frederick and Dorothea, they joined a colony that had determined to seek a country where religious opinions were not regulated by law. With this party of their friends and neighbors, the Beals came down the Rhine river to a secluded seaport and on June 9, 1804, embarked on a sailing vessel, the *Margaretta*, for America. They were tossed on the waves of the Atlantic for two and one-half months before they reached their safe haven, at Philadelphia, Pa.

From Philadelphia the party proceeded to Germantown and in the following spring went on their way to the point for which they had started, Williamsport, in Lycoming county. There they built a rough hewn edifice which they dedicated to church purposes, in 1828

and the little building still stands. There Conrad F. Haller expounded the Scriptures to them as a lay reader, being a man of some learning. In 1833 a part of the colony came on to Crawford county with a view of improving their material condition, and from the favorable reports received from them, the Ohio lands were fertile and desirable. This information led to a part of the Beal family coming to Crawford county in 1842 and the remainder in 1843. They purchased land situated about three and one-half miles southeast of Bucyrus and a part of this is still in the possession of the Beal family. The original purchase of 200 acres was made for \$3,000, while this same land at the present time could not be purchased for \$100 per acre.

The grandmother of Rev. Isaac Beal, and one daughter, died in Pennsylvania, but the grandfather survived until he was eighty-nine years old and died in 1848, in Crawford county. His sons became farmers here and all have been noted for good citizenship. A few of the older members of the family have always subscribed to the doctrine of the Pietist community, that being the name given the religious colony, while others have become identified with more liberal sects. While still residing in Pennsylvania, George Beal was married to Barbara Sherer, who was also born in Germany and came to America with her parents when she was five years old. George Beal and wife were among those members of the family who continued in communion with the Pietists. They were worthy, virtuous, self denying people, examples of Christianity, and they were permitted to live long lives together, his death occurring in 1882, two years after that of his wife, when they were about eighty-seven years of age. Four children were born to them, Isaac, the eldest, being the only survivor. Mary, the second in order of birth, died in December, 1910. She was the wife of Nathan Mutchler, who is also deceased. Jacob, the third member of the family, died at Youngstown, O., in 1909, and is survived by a family. Benjamin, the youngest, was a citizen of Bucyrus and for many years was secretary of the Crawford County Mutual Fire Insurance Company. A family survives him.

Isaac Beal was reared in Lycoming county

and was with the first section of the Beal family that came pioneering to Crawford county in 1842 and has been identified with this section ever since. After his father's death he became owner of a part of the old homestead and for many years has carried on extensive operations both in farming and stockraising. During his active years on the farm he made a specialty of growing sheep. He continued his agricultural activities until 1891, when he retired to Bucyrus, where he has resided ever since. For many years a member of the German Methodist church, he has also been a trustee and lay preacher, and in the latter relation is valued by a congregation that holds him in the highest esteem.

Mr. Beal was married in September, 1853, to Miss Christina Hurr, who was born in Pennsylvania, December 25, 1831, and was a member of the Pietist colony that came to Crawford from Lycoming county. She is a member of the German Methodist church, in which faith the children have been reared. They are as follows: Simon George, who is a farmer in Crawford county, married Catherine Sherer, who died December 17, 1910, leaving one son, Milton S.; Mary A., who is the wife of H. F. Miller; Lizzie, who is the wife of J. G. Hipp, of Bucyrus, and has five children—Raymond, Rufus, Mary, Naomi and Martha; Benjamin F., a minister of the German Methodist church, and a graduate of Wallace Theological college, having a charge at Cleveland, who married Josephine Deitrich and has six children—Carl, Paul, Theodore, Maria, Catherine and Wilbur; Catherine, who is the wife of Rev. J. C. Gerlach, a German Methodist minister at Cincinnati, a graduate of Wallace college; Ellen B., who lives with her parents; and Martha M., who graduated from the Bucyrus High school in the class of 1894 and for ten years has been an acceptable teacher in the city public schools. The Beal family enjoyed a reunion on August 29, 1911, and among the other entertainments was an interesting history of the family that had been prepared with much care by Miss Martha and was read by her to those present. The record showed a long line of sober, faithful, honest, industrious, law-abiding and God fearing ancestors.

EMANUEL SCHIEBER, who is one of the prominent and representative citizens of Liberty township, Crawford county, O., now serving in his second term as township trustee, resides on his finely cultivated farm of eighty acres, situated not many miles distant from Bucyrus, O. He was born in Liberty township, March 31, 1865, and is a son of Jacob and Eva (Mauer) Schieber, and a grandson of Gotlieb and Magdalena Schieber.

Jacob Schieber was born in Germany and was brought by his parents to America when eighteen months old. He became a successful farmer and a highly respected citizen of Liberty township, where his death occurred in 1884, his burial being in the Shealy cemetery. He married Eva Mauer, who was born in Stark county, O., and now resides with a daughter in Liberty township. They became parents of the following children: John; Louisa, deceased, who was the wife of Harrison Klink; Henry; David S.; Emanuel; Mary, who is the wife of F. W. Hieber; Elizabeth, who is the widow of John Hieber; Samuel A., and Jay W., who died when eight years of age.

Emanuel Schieber attended the local schools through boyhood and after enjoying one term at the Northern Ohio University, at Ada, turned his attention to school teaching. He taught five winter terms and proved very acceptable to his pupils but since then his farm and other enterprises have claimed his entire attention. He carries on his agricultural operations scientifically and meets with very satisfactory results.

Mr. Schieber was married in January, 1891, to Miss Louisa M. Hieber, who is a daughter of Christian and Christiana (Wagner) Hieber, who were farming people in Liberty township for many years. To Mr. and Mrs. Schieber four children have been born, namely: Millard E., who is a graduate of the Bucyrus High school in the class of 1911, and has accepted a position with the Second National Bank, Bucyrus, O.; Harry, who is a member of the class of 1913, in the Bucyrus High school; Elsie C., and Dorothy E. Mr. Schieber and family are members of the Lutheran church. He is a Democrat in politics and has frequently been elected to office on that ticket; for six years he served as a justice of the peace and for three years as a

member of the township school board. Mr. Schieber is a stockholder in the Second National Bank of Bucyrus, O.

HERBERT S. BLAIR, a leading business man of Bucyrus, O., manufacturer of husking gloves, husking pins and other specialties and a jobber all over the great corn belt of the country, has been in this line of business for the past twenty-seven years and has developed a large enterprise from a small beginning. He was born at Bucyrus, August 3, 1859, and is a son of Elias and Anna (McCrory) Blair.

Eliás Blair, who is president of the Second National Bank of Bucyrus, one of the old and honored citizens of this city, was born in 1824, near Mt. Vernon, O., being of English parentage. In 1852 he made the overland trip to California and spent two years as a prospector and miner in the gold fields, returning to his native state by way of the Isthmus of Panama, with substantial evidences of his success while there. He located in what was then the village of Bucyrus where he embarked in the hardware business being the pioneer merchant in this line. Mr. Blair, together with unmistakable business qualities, has been more or less of an inventor all his life and several of his inventions are made use of in almost every agricultural and stock-raising district in the United States and Europe. Reference is made to his hog anti-rooter device and his hog snout ring, the manufacture of which is still carried on under his name. Mr. Blair is one of the substantial citizens of Bucyrus, the owner of a large amount of property which he and his son have improved. For some years he has been a semi-invalid but still maintains his interest in business and all current affairs. He was married at Mansfield, O., to Miss Anna McCrory, who was born in Pennsylvania and when young was brought to Mansfield by her parents. Two sons and four daughters were born to them. One daughter died in infancy and one son, Bennington, died at the age of eighteen years. The survivors are: Herbert S.; Carrie B., who is the widow of Albert Ensminger, of Bucyrus, and she has one son, Edward; Lizzie B., who is the widow of Edward Roehr, of Bucyrus; and Anna, who is the wife of F. I. Ruhl, who is manager of Mr. Blair's large hardware store. They have

one son, E. Blair Ruhl. Mr. and Mrs. Blair are members of the English Lutheran church, in which he has been an officer for many years.

Herbert S. Blair was reared and educated at Bucyrus and practically grew up in the hardware and manufacturing business. The first husking implement was a simple affair, a pin or peg, which was quite useful but of not nearly the utility of the present device which has been developed together with many other instruments, more than thirty in all, which are manufactured by Mr. Blair, all of these being covered by patents. A large force of workmen is kept at all times and his sales are enormous, one business house of St. Louis, Mo., alone, ordering a shipment of these specialties to the amount of \$7,000. Mr. Blair has seldom purchased an invention, almost all of the original implements and the improvements having been the issue of his own brain and skill.

Mr. Blair was married at Bucyrus, to Miss Belle Frayer, a daughter of the late J. G. Frayer. They have three children: Marietta, who is the wife of Oren E. Smith, of Bucyrus; John, who is a student in a military institute; and Anna Belle, who attends the public schools. One son, Milton Blaine, died aged seven years. Mr. and Mrs. Blair are members of the English Lutheran church. Fraternally he is an Elk and a Knight Templar Mason and Shriner. Politically he is a Republican.

GEORGE F. DONNENWIRTH, a well known business man of Bucyrus, O., dealing in fine wines and liquors, and a citizen whose public spirit and liberality may be counted on in every emergency, was born in this city, December 6, 1869, and is a son of William and Catherine (Assenheimer) Sonnenwirth.

William Sonnenwirth was born at New Washington, O. The greater portion of his life was spent on his farm in Liberty township but his death occurred at Bucyrus, when in his fifty-eighth year. He married Catherine Assenheimer, who survives and is a resident of Bucyrus and a member of the German Lutheran church. To William Sonnenwirth and wife the following children were born: Carrie; Frank E., who is assistant cashier of the Bucyrus City Bank; George F.; Elizabeth; Rose; Charles A., who is with the American

Clay Machinery Company; Mrs. Bertha Darling; and John, who died at the age of two years.

George F. Sonnenwirth was educated in the public schools and gave his father assistance on the farm and continued agricultural pursuits until 1896. In 1900 he became interested in the grocery business, with J. A. Leifer under the firm name of Leifer & Sonnenwirth, and continued with that firm until June 1, 1903. On September 8th of that year he embarked in his present business.

Mr. Sonnenwirth was married April 4, 1909, to Miss Sue P. Streib, a daughter of M. K. and Kate Streib, residents of Crawford county. In politics Mr. Sonnenwirth has always been identified with the Democratic party.

WILLIAM F. MADER, a merchant and chief of the fire department of the city of Bucyrus, O., was born on the lot he now uses for business purposes, Nos. 109-111-113 North Sandusky street, April 27, 1865. He is a son of John George and Christina (Dinkel) Mader.

John George Mader was born in Wertemberg, Germany, in 1839, and died at his home at Bucyrus, O., in December, 1907. He was a son of John George Mader, who was born and reared in Germany and there married Miss Hoch. In the late forties the father of John George Mader, Jr., accompanied by his two older children, took passage on a sailing vessel for America and after a voyage of forty-seven days, reached New York and came on to Bucyrus, O., where he established himself in the hotel business. In 1852 he sent for his wife and the other children and they also crossed the Atlantic ocean in a sailing vessel and came on to Bucyrus, where he was doing a good business, the railroad being then in course of construction and the country opening up in every direction, there being much travel. Some years prior to his death in 1878, he gave up the hotel business and retired to a farm near the city, a large portion of which still belongs to the family. Almost his whole family of ten children grew to maturity and several survive and reside at Bucyrus.

John George Mader, Jr., was the third eldest child of those who survived infancy and was

thirteen years of age when he accompanied his mother and the younger children to America to join the father at Bucyrus. He grew up very helpful to his father in the hotel business and later went into the wine and liquor business on North Sandusky avenue and became a man of ample fortune. He was a Democrat in politics and was frequently sent as a delegate to state and county conventions and served in the city council. He was a member of the Deutsche Gesellschaft society.

At Bucyrus he was married to Christina Dinkel, who was born in this city in 1841 and died here in 1885. She was a daughter of Ludwig and Christina Dinkel, who were early German settlers in this section and faithful members of the German Lutheran church. They had two children, Mrs. Mader and Louis, the latter of whom lives retired in Bucyrus. Five children were born to the above marriage, the eldest of these being William F., of this record. Antonia, the eldest daughter, was the wife of William A. Blicke, cashier of the Bucyrus City Bank and was survived by one son, Frederick. C. Edward, the second son, is a resident of Brooklyn, N. Y., and is vice president of the firm of Schall & Co., of New York. He married Miss Wilhelmina Schall and they have seven daughters and one son. J. G., the third son is associated with his eldest brother in business. He married Miss Minnie Schurr. Elsie, the youngest, who was the wife of George G. Koch, of Cleveland, is survived by one daughter.

William F. Mader was reared and educated at Bucyrus and afterward assisted his father and subsequently became his partner in business and still later with his brother, John G. Mader, the brothers being the sole proprietors of the business their father founded. In politics he is a Democrat but has never been what is termed a politician. He has been connected with the fire department for many years and was at the head of the old volunteer company when the apparatus consisted of the old hand engine known locally as the Water Cloud and other primitive accouterments. Since 1888 he has been chief of the present well organized department and its equipments are modern and entirely adequate and Chief Mader is proud of his force of well trained men.

Mr. Mader was married in New York city

to Miss Cecelia Schall, a daughter of Michael Schall, who established the wholesale confectionery supply house of Schall & Co., in that city. Both he and wife were natives of Wertenberg, Germany. After his death his widow and her brother continued the business until her death, since which time it has been operated as a stock company. Mr. and Mrs. Mader have two children: Lucile Dora, who was born in 1892 and Vera Elsie, who was born in 1895. The family belong to the German Lutheran church. Mr. Mader is a member of the Order of Eagles and belongs, like his late father, to the Deutsche Gesellschaft society.

SIMEON F. SHERER, who is a well known citizen of Whetstone township, Crawford county, O., and a representative of an old and substantial county family, was born on the farm on which he still lives, March 5, 1865, and is a son of Samuel and Elizabeth (Haller) Sherer.

Samuel Sherer was born in Lycoming county, Pa., and was five years old when he was brought to Ohio and he ever afterward lived on the same farm in Whetstone township, Crawford county. He was a man of local importance, a hearty supporter of the Methodist Episcopal church and active in public matters, serving for a number of years as township clerk, township trustee and in other capacities, elected to office on the Democratic ticket. At the time of his death he owned about 308 acres of land in Whetstone township. He was twice married, his first wife being a Miss Hagenleibly, who was born in this township and at death was survived by two daughters—Catherine, now deceased, who was the wife of Simeon Beal, and Mary, who is the wife of Emanuel Lust. His second marriage was to Elizabeth Haller, who died when her son, Simeon F., was four and one-half years old. He was the eldest born and had one sister, Matilda, who is the wife of John J. Kurtz.

Simeon F. Sherer attended the public schools. He remained with his father and succeeded to the homestead and has lived here ever since, carrying on general farming and raising enough stock for home use. On June 5, 1901, Mr. Sherer was married to Miss Mary Kurtz, a daughter of George and Cath-



JOHN HOPLEY, SR., AND JOHN (III) HOPLEY, JR.

erine (Geibler) Kurtz, who were natives of Germany. The parents of Mrs. Sherer settled first in Pennsylvania and then came to Ohio, where the father subsequently died, the mother now making her home with Mr. and Mrs. Sherer. The latter has the following brothers and sisters: John J. and Isaac; Elizabeth, who is the wife of Dr. C. H. Senn, of Williamsport, Pa.; Laura, who is the wife of C. A. Coppe; and Benjamin.

To Mr. and Mrs. Sherer three children have been born: Robert K., Katherine and Lowell Samuel. The family attend the Methodist Episcopal church. Politically a Democrat, Mr. Sherer takes great pleasure in the success his party frequently achieves. He has served at times in public office and has been school director and also township trustee.

JOHN L. TOBIAS, engineer for the Bucyrus Electric Light and Power company at Bucyrus, O., a practical and experienced man in his profession, was born at Greencastle, Franklin county, Pa., April 19, 1853, and is a son of William B. Tobias.

John L. Tobias was eleven years of age when he accompanied the family to Sulphur Springs, Crawford county, O., and he was reared here, attending the district schools during the winter time until old enough to work in a saw mill, and passing his summers usefully on the home farm. It was while he was assisting his brother, William F. Tobias, in the lumber industry that he gained his first knowledge of steam engineering, which he has followed alternately for twenty years while also carrying on agricultural pursuits in Marion county. In 1899 he came to Bucyrus and continued work along engineering lines and for the past eighteen months has filled his present responsible position with one of the city's most important utilities.

John L. Tobias was married at Bucyrus, to Miss Elizabeth Meyer, who was born here in 1859 and is a daughter of John and Margaret (Bauer) Meyer, natives of Wurtemberg and Bavaria, Germany. Mr. Meyer was twenty years of age when he came to America and located at Bucyrus where he was married, in 1858, to Margaret Bauer. She was nine years old when her parents brought her from Germany to Bucyrus, and was a daughter of Jacob

and Eva (Stickler) Bauer. Jacob Bauer died at the age of forty years but his widow survived to the age of seventy years. In their religious connection they were German Lutherans. John Meyer was a well known citizen and a very active Democrat, serving in many public capacities, and at one time was city treasurer. He died August 5, 1908, when aged 75 years. The mother of Mrs. Tobias survived until August 2, 1911, when aged 72 years. They were among the most highly respected residents of Bucyrus and were worthy members and liberal supporters of the German Lutheran church. Of their seven children, Amelia died young. The other members of the family are: Mrs. Tobias; John; Jacob B., who is a resident of Lincoln, Neb.; Catherine, who resides in the old Meyer homestead at No. 136 Hill street; Charles, a resident of Bucyrus, who is one of the directors of the Crawford County Infirmary; and Frank.

Mr. and Mrs. Tobias have one daughter, Lillian M., who was born September 15, 1889. She has been carefully educated and is filling a clerical position with the Carroll Foundry and Machine Co. of this city. Mr. Tobias and family belong to the German Lutheran church. In politics he is a Democrat.

JOHN HOPLEY. One of the citizens of Crawford county who has left a strong impress not only on the local surroundings but upon the affairs of the state of Ohio, is John Hopley, for 40 years owner and editor of the Bucyrus Journal and also head of the company which owned and published the Bucyrus Evening Telegraph. Mr. Hopley was a native of England, having been born at Whitstable, a naval station on the east coast of England, May 21, 1821. His father, Edward Hopley, F. R. C. S., was for 43 years a surgeon in the Royal Navy of England, and after his retirement practiced his profession of medicine and surgery at Whitstable, in Kent, and later at Lewes, in Sussex, one of the oldest towns in England. His mother was Miss Catherine Cooper Prat, who descended from a long line of ancestry distinguished in the Church of England, her great-grandfather, Samuel Prat, having been Dean of Rochester Cathedral in 1697, preceptor of the Royal heir apparent, Canon of Windsor, and head

chaplain to Queen Anne, and is buried in St. George's chapel, Windsor; others, Rev. Daniel Prat and George Prat, are buried in Rochester Cathedral; her father, Rev. John Prat, being buried in St. Dunstons, Canterbury. In the seven generations since Daniel Prat (in 1574) all of his ancestors in the direct line, except, of course, his mother, have been ministers in the Church of England.

John Hopley pursued his education in the Royal Navy Academy at Camberwell, Surrey, a suburb of London. This school was exclusively for sons of naval officers and its course was most extensive and thorough. Here the Bell, or monitor system was in vogue, and this afforded opportunity for the development of character through responsibility. Mr. Hopley excelled in both athletics and study, and won many class honors. At the close of his college course he was made a teacher of the institution, where he remained for some years.

In 1842, soon after attaining his majority, he came to the United States with his maternal uncle, John R. Prat, of Zanesville, whose store he entered in the capacity of clerk. He there continued until 1844, when he began teaching, with a view to entering upon the study of law, and making its practice his life work. In 1845 he went to Logan, Hocking county, to teach. He induced the trustees to establish graded schools there, which were among the first of the kind established in Ohio. They proved a great success and his educational ideas did much to build those schools into prominence and effected an uplifting of the schools of Ohio in general.

On April 19, 1848, Mr. Hopley was united in marriage to Miss Georgianna Rochester, the fourth daughter of Mr. John Rochester, of Logan, Ohio. Her father was born near London, England, Jan. 9, 1796, and in 1816 he married Miss Marian Gladdle, a daughter of a French gentleman who left his native land owing to the French Revolution, and entered the English army as an officer, and was killed in Spain while fighting against Napoleon. Mr. Rochester came to America in 1820, settling at Englishtown, Athens county, Ohio, but soon removed to Logan, where for nearly half a century he was engaged in merchandising, being recognized as

one of the most prominent and influential citizens of the place. For more than 44 years he was a member of the Presbyterian church and served for 34 years as an elder. He aided greatly in promoting the moral advancement of the people among whom he lived, and the memory of his upright career remains as an inspiration and a benediction to all who knew him. He died Oct. 29, 1876, at the age of 81 years. His daughter, Mrs. Hopley, was born Feb. 22, 1826.

Desiring to study slavery and its influence upon the social life of the South, Mr. Hopley soon after his marriage, removed to Tennessee, becoming a teacher in a school at Yellow Creek, and New Providence, and then went to Elkton, Todd county, Kentucky, where he had charge of the schools. In 1862 he returned to Logan as supervisor of the public schools, where he remained in educational work for three years. In 1855 he was chosen instructor in mathematics at Granger's Commercial School at Columbus, but the institution, not being in strong financial condition, he only remained a portion of a year and then went to Wellston, Columbiana county, to fill out an incompleting year there. On the 12th of April, 1856, he arrived with his family at Bucyrus, having been elected superintendent of schools at this place, and during the years of his work at the head of the Bucyrus schools he was an important factor in placing them on a firm basis. He entered on his duties here with his usual earnestness and zeal and the system he established soon awakened the admiration of the people of the vicinity and other portions of the state.

In 1858, Mr. Hopley was admitted to the bar, and formed a partnership with A. M. Jackson, but the following year he decided to open an office of his own, and he continued the practice successfully until 1862 when he went to England with Thomas Alsop, a client, to settle some Alsop family affairs, and when he returned he found his practice practically destroyed; some of his clients were in the army and in many cases important witnesses had enlisted, so that it was impossible to bring cases to trial. Mr. Hopley was then appointed by Mr. Salmon P. Chase to a clerkship in the office of the second auditor of the treasury at Washington, and soon, by special

order of Mr. Chase himself, was transferred to the office of the latter, having a desk in the office of the library of the treasury. As he found opportunity he studied the financial problems and employed his pen effectively in advancing the financial policy of the secretary of the treasury, and the establishment of national banks. After the national banking law was passed he was transferred to the banking and currency bureau. Hugh McCullough, who was then comptroller of the currency, placed Mr. Hopley in charge of the statistical department of the bureau. His duties there included examination of regular reports and reports of bank examiners. Mr. Hopley, during that period of life, occasionally furnished data for speeches made by members of Congress, whereby the statesmen became distinguished.

In 1864 he resigned his position in order to accept an offer of a position in a large bank in New York. In 1866 he was appointed national bank examiner by the Government for all the southern states excepting Delaware, Maryland and Virginia; Kansas was afterward added to the list. After completing this work in 1867 he returned to Bucyrus and in September purchased of James Robinson a half interest in the Bucyrus Journal. The following spring he purchased of Ralph Robinson the other half interest, and after the spring of 1868 he was sole owner of that paper until his death. From August, 1870, to January, 1879, he was postmaster at Bucyrus, having been appointed by President Grant. He was also postmaster at Bucyrus from 1890 to 1894, having been appointed by President Harrison. In 1887 the Bucyrus Evening Telegraph was established as an independent paper but on Jan. 4, 1895 The Hopley Printing Co. was incorporated and since that time the daily and weekly papers have been under one management, Mr. Hopley having been president and general supervisor until his death, which occurred June 3, 1904. His wife, Mrs. Georgianna Rochester Hopley died Oct. 21, 1904, living but a few months after her husband, with whom she had borne the burdens and obligations of life for 56 years.

They were the parents of ten children, their third child having died in infancy, but all the others having grown to maturity. Their old-

est child, Charles Rochester Hopley, died Jan. 19, 1909. The surviving children are John Edward Hopley, now of Bucyrus; Thomas P. Hopley, of Enid, Oklahoma; Mary Catherine Cooper Hopley, of Chicago; Georgianna Eliza Hopley, of Bucyrus; Harriet Evelyn Frances Hopley, of Chicago; James Richard Hopley, Frank Lewes Hopley, and Joseph William Hopley of Bucyrus. There are four grandchildren, Miss Pearl Hopley, the daughter of Charles R. Hopley, now of Newburg, New York; Laura Rochester Hopley, John Curtis Hopley and Rose Hopley, children of Thomas P. Hopley of Enid, Oklahoma.

In his association with the newspaper and editorial work and his efforts in the interests of the Republican party, John Hopley filled an important place in Crawford county and his influence reached pretty generally throughout Ohio. His peculiarly effective schooling fitted him for the work of political writing, and he aimed to give to his editorial utterances a high quality of intelligence and integrity. His pen was often responsible for planks in the Republican state platforms, and his ideas helped in guiding the enactment of tariff legislation, his friends being those responsible for important laws enacted at Washington. While he wrote vigorously on subjects of local interests and while he never hesitated to speak plainly about matters of local discussion, he retained the friendship and admiration of those with whom he had been associated here and his death caused general regret here at Bucyrus. He was in the sixties, secretary of the Crawford County Fair Association, later he was instrumental in organizing the Republican Editorial Association of Ohio and was its first president. He had many friends in public affairs, both at Columbus and in Washington and found much pleasure in his advancement of the big affairs of state and nation.

Charles R. Hopley was a veteran of the Civil War, having served in a Pennsylvania regiment. He later traveled a great deal and spent much time in mining developments, including the Black Hills excitement and the Yukon rush to Alaska. He died in California, Jan. 19, 1909, where he had gone for the winter to escape the rigors of the Alaskan winter.

John E. Hopley was United States consul for seven years, from 1898 to 1905, five years being located at Southampton, England, and two years at Montevideo, Uruguay. He was associated with New York newspapers for years and in 1887 established the Bucyrus Evening Telegraph. He has been very active in politics.

Thomas P. Hopley was educated in Bucyrus schools and established the Temperance Ballot, a newspaper which he afterward changed to the Crawford County News. This he sold in 1893 and went to Oklahoma where he participated in the opening of the "strip" and was one of the founders of Enid, still being one of the "boosters" of the city.

Mary C. C. Hopley is associated with the Open Door Work of Willard Hall in Chicago, and devotes much time to newspaper work.

Georgia E. Hopley, is a well known newspaper worker and has done much important work in reporting women's activities for newspapers. She retired from newspaper work to care of her parents during their last illness and later became the head of the family home at Bucyrus.

Harriet E. Hopley is an expert proof-reader, having been employed in some of the most particular printing offices in Chicago, where she resides.

James R. Hopley was managing editor of the Family newspapers up to the time he was appointed postmaster at Bucyrus.

Frank L. Hopley is advertising manager of the American Clay Machinery Co., and is secretary and manager of the American Clay Products Exposition at Chicago. Though his home is at Bucyrus his work is at Chicago much of the time.

Joseph W. Hopley was a war correspondent with the Eighth Ohio regiment in Cuba. He has charge of the newspaper end of the business of The Hopley Printing Company, of which organization he is a vice president.

FRANK I. RUHL, a successful and enterprising business man of Bucyrus, O., who has been manager of the large mercantile interests of Elias Blair since the latter's retirement from active participation in business, has been identified with his present concern ever since 1893. He was born at Bucyrus, December 16, 1859,

the youngest child of Alexander A. and Amelia M. (Shawke) Ruhl.

The Ruhl family is of German ancestry. It is probable that the grandfather, Jacob Ruhl, was born in Pennsylvania and came to Galion, O., quite early and at one time had large interests north of that place. Jacob Ruhl and wife were old people at time of death and of their large family there is one survivor: Mrs. S. G. Cummings, who is the wife of an attorney living at Mansfield, O.

Alexander A. Ruhl was born at Galion, O., April 4, 1828, where he grew to manhood and then came to Bucyrus. Here he became prominent in town and county affairs, was postmaster during the fifties and was county auditor, county treasurer and county clerk. Politically he was a Democrat. His death occurred in 1891. He was married at Bucyrus to Aurelia M. Shawke, who was born here in 1833 and died in 1906. Her parents were Thomas and Esther (Allbright) Shawke, the former of whom, a blacksmith by trade, came here in 1828, when it was nothing but a mere hamlet. Stories are still told of his remarkable strength and of his fondness for athletics and all manly diversions and also of his affection for children, all of whom returned the sentiment. The Ruhrs and the Shawkes have always been Methodists. One daughter and two sons were born to Alexander A. Ruhl and wife, namely: Ida B., who is the wife of Louis Brower, of Bucyrus; George S., who conducts a carriage making shop at Bucyrus, who married Nettie Curran and has one son, Frank M.; and Frank I.

Frank I. Ruhl was reared and educated at Bucyrus and was graduated in 1878. In 1893 he became a clerk for Elias Blair in his hardware store and later became chief clerk and manager. Mr. Blair has placed implicit reliance in him for the past twenty years and has found him faithful to every interest and capable of handling every business problem. Mr. Ruhl was married to Anna, a daughter of Mr. Blair in May, 1891, and they have one son, E. Blair Ruhl, who was born April 5, 1892. He was graduated from the Bucyrus High school in June, 1911, and at the present writing is a student in the Wittenberg college at Springfield, O. Mr. and Mrs. Ruhl attend the Lutheran church.

JOHN D. PFOUTS, a leading citizen and township trustee of Holmes township, Crawford county, O., resides on his farm of thirty-seven and one-half acres, which he largely devotes to the raising of fine poultry. He was born in Lycoming county, Pa., but has been a resident of Crawford county since 1856. His parents were Robert and Jane (Pursell) Pfouts.

Robert Pfouts was born in Pennsylvania, of German parentage. He was a canal boatman and his death occurred in middle life, in the infancy of his son, John D. The mother came to Crawford county in 1856, when John D. was five years old, and she survived into her sixty-fifth year, dying on her son's farm.

John D. Pfouts attended the country schools until old enough to secure employment at the old Eagle Works, now the American Clay Machinery plant, at Bucyrus, and three years later became interested in farm work and has continued in that line. His first farm of forty acres was in Liberty township but he has lived on his present place for many years. He carries on general farming but makes a specialty of raising S. C. white leghorn chickens for market, and growing India Runner ducks. He has accommodations on his place for some 800 chickens and safely carries the birds over winter. Giving close attention to this industry, Mr. Pfouts has made it a very profitable one, the demand for his birds always exceeding the supply. He has made all the improvements on his property and has erected all the present substantial buildings.

Mr. Pfouts married Miss Alice Fralick and they have two sons: Earl, who has great musical talent and lives in the city of Philadelphia; and P. R., who is a rural mail carrier out of Bucyrus. He married a daughter of Joseph B. Quaintance. In politics, Mr. Pfouts is a Democrat and he is a member of the National Union. He is a representative man in Holmes township and as one of its trustees looks carefully after the interests of all residents, and probably no man is better known or more highly respected.

EUGENE VAN VOORHIS, deceased, was born at Bucyrus, O., March 4, 1854, a son of Daniel and Eliza (Hoffman) Van Voorhis, who came from Mansfield, O., to this section

at an early date. Daniel Van Voorhis was well known in business circles at Bucyrus, where he was in the restaurant line for many years and died here when aged sixty-five years. His widow survived him, passing away in October, 1911, at the home of a daughter, Mrs. James Hamilton, at Pittsburg, Pa. Of their eight children, four survive.

Eugene Van Voorhis was the eldest of his parents' family and he grew to manhood at Bucyrus and spent about all his life here after learning his trade of tinner and working for a time at Sulphur Springs and Bellefontaine. He was a skilled workman and completed many important contracts. Politically he was a Democrat but never was an active party worker, and the only fraternal organization with which he allied himself was the Royal Arcanum.

In 1887 Mr. Van Voorhis was married to Miss Emma Squier, who was born at Sulphur Springs, O., December 6, 1857, where she was educated. She is a daughter of Dr. John B. and Dorothy (Hottel) Squier. Dr. Squier was born at Salem, N. Y., in 1818, coming to this state three years later. He first learned the millwright trade but afterward became a physician and practiced many years at Sulphur Springs and was known all over this section. His death occurred December 16, 1890. Prior to the campaign of Hon. Horace Greeley he was a Republican but afterward identified himself with the Democracy. He was a power in local politics and during the Civil war was a loyal supporter of President Lincoln. A patriotic poem entitled Old Abe Lincoln, written about this time, became very popular. He was an acquaintance of that strange character known as Johnny Applesed. He was thrice married. Thomas Corwin, a son of his first union became a soldier in the Civil war, where he was captured by the Confederates and died a prisoner at Andersonville, Ga. One daughter of his second marriage survives, in the person of Mrs. Ella Humiston of Sandusky, O. His third happy union was with Dorothy Hottel, who was born at Bristol, Trumbull county, O., November 14, 1830. While on a visit in Crawford county she became acquainted with Dr. Squier and subsequently married him and six children were born to them: Edgar Allen, who is a resident of Springfield, O.; Emma,

who was born December 6, 1857; Anna, who is the wife of Dr. Charles F. Sexauer, a physician of Franklin, O.; Flora, deceased, who was the wife of John A. Torrence, of Grand Rapids, Mich.; Oscar W., who is employed in the offices of the Big Four Railroad, at Kenton, O.; and Effie S., deceased, who was the wife of Thomas Black, of Pittsburg and is survived by two sons. Mrs. Black was the author of that tender little book of poems entitled *Heart Whispers*.

To Mr. and Mrs. Van Voorhis the following children were born: Charles Fred, who is in the jewelry business at Prospect, O., and who married Nina Kibler and have one daughter, Dorothea; Walter S., a graduate of the Bucyrus High school,—with his brothers Harry V. and Donald E.,—who is chief engineer and draughtsman for the American Dredge Company at Seattle, Wash.; Harry Victor, who formerly was agent for the Adams Express Company, but now connected with the American Clay Machine Company, and lives at home; Paul V.; and Donald E., who is agent for the Adams Express Company at Columbia City, Ind., and who married Esther L. Alleman, of Warsaw, Ind., to whom one son was born, David Alleman. Mrs. Van Voorhis and sons are Presbyterians.

HERMAN F. MILLER, who has been engaged in the fire insurance business at Bucyrus, O., for some ten years, having a convenient office in the Miller block, which was erected by his father, was born in 1853 in Crawford county, O., and is a son of John G. and Mary (Krebe) Miller.

John G. Miller was born in Wertemberg, Germany, in 1826, where his parents lived and died. His father was a baker and the youth learned the business and worked as a baker in his own land until 1852, when he decided to emigrate to the United States, in the hope of bettering his fortunes. He took passage on a sailing vessel at Bremenhaven, Germany, and after a long voyage was safely landed at the port of New York. In the following year he reached the village of Bucyrus and was so pleased with the people that he decided to remain here although, at that time, he found but a moderate demand for bakery goods, the housewives still doing much of their own bak-

ing. Hence he found that by attending to his oven at night, after working at different things during the day, he could supply sufficient bakery goods for his customers, and for a long time thus did business. In the meanwhile the excellence of his bread, pies and cakes gained him custom and slowly but surely he prospered and finally opened a bakery shop on South Sandusky street and made baking his main business and continued to be in active trade until his death, July 3, 1895. In 1876 he erected the handsome three-story brick block on the southwest corner of the Public Square and acquired and improved much other property. He was a Republican in politics but declined office, attending closely to his business. For many years he was a consistent member of the German Methodist church, and was one of the most respected citizens of Bucyrus. In Germany he married Mary Krebe, who was born in Wertemberg in 1824. She accompanied him to America and to her frugal habits and careful management he attributed much of his business success. She has reached her eighty-seventh birthday and her many friends hope that she will live to see many more. But one child was born to the above marriage, Herman F.

Herman F. Miller was educated at Bucyrus and then learned his father's trade and subsequently became a partner in the business and operated it until 1900, when he disposed of it and embarked in the insurance line and represents a number of standard companies. He has never been greatly interested in politics but votes with the Republican party. He is identified fraternally with the Masons and Elks.

Mr. Miller was married at Bucyrus to Miss Mary Beal, who was born in Bucyrus township, Crawford county, June 4, 1876, and is a daughter of Rev. Isaac and Christiana (Hurr) Beal, natives of Germany who came to America when young and were reared to marriageable age in Pennsylvania. In 1843 they came to Crawford county and settled on wild land in Bucyrus township, which they cleared, developed and improved and remained on their farm until 1896, when they retired to Bucyrus and now reside in great comfort in their home on South Sandusky avenue. Rev. Beal, now eighty-five years of age, for thirty-five years has ministered to the German Methodist

church without compensation. His wife has passed her eighty-third birthday. They are well known and much beloved people. Mr. and Mrs. Miller have had two children: Rufus E., who died at the age of seven years; and Lillian, who was born in 1877 and is the wife of E. W. Petrie, of Galion, O., and has one son, Kenneth Miller Petrie.

CHARLES F. HOOVER, who carries on general farming and stock-raising in Bucyrus township, Crawford county, O., where he and wife own eighty-five acres of valuable land, additionally operates 150 acres belonging to another party. Mr. Hoover is a native of Crawford county and was born in Dallas township, December 18, 1873, and is a son of Christian and Lorena (Kirby) Hoover, the former of whom is a retired farmer of Dallas township. The latter died December 8, 1910. Of their children, Charles F. is the third in order of birth, the others being: Ernest B., Bardette K., Maud, and Madge, who is the wife of Arlington L. Blair.

Charles F. Hoover completed the common school course in Dallas township and then became a student in the Ohio Northern University, at Ada, O., remaining for three years, after which he taught school in Crawford county for about twelve years. Since retiring from the educational field he has devoted himself entirely to agricultural pursuits and is numbered with the progressive and successful farmers of this section.

In October, 1897, Mr. Hoover was married to Miss Elhora Kerr, who was born in Bucyrus township, on the present farm of herself and husband, and is a daughter of George T. and Lydia (Eckelberry) Kerr, early settlers of the county. Mr. and Mrs. Kerr had the following children: Bertie, who is the wife of Irvin Dickey; Elhora, who is the wife of Mr. Hoover; Beva, who is the wife of Fred J. Albright; Clementine, who is the wife of J. W. Hindson; Ava, who is the wife of Floyd Hull, and Walter J. Mr. and Mrs. Hoover have the following children: Helen, Wayne, Clifford, Marjorie and Doris Lillian. Mr. Hoover and family attend the United Brethren church. He is a Republican in his political sentiments and while living in Dallas township, served three terms as township clerk. He is identified

with but one fraternal organization, the Knights of Pythias, attending at Bucyrus and taking much interest in the order.

FRANK PIGMAN, an able member of the bar at Galion, O., of which city he has been a resident since 1907, was born at Coshocton, O., March 24, 1874.

From the public schools of his native place, Mr. Pigman entered the Northern Ohio University at Ada, where he was graduated in the class of 1899, thereafter entering the University of Michigan, at Ann Arbor, where he a teacher in the schools of Coshocton, where he served for five years, also as a member of the board of school examiners, and later was an instructor in a military school at Chicago. In 1905 he was graduated from the Chicago Law college and was admitted to the bar in the same year and became associated in the practice of law with David K. Tone. In 1907 he came to Galion and entered into partnership with J. W. Coulter, whose death occurred in 1910 and who had been a member of the Galion bar since 1865. Since that time Mr. Pigman has practiced alone and in addition to private clients he is the local attorney for the Erie railroad.

Politically Mr. Pigman is a Democrat and as a citizen having the best interests of the community at heart, is active in promoting movements which promise better conditions along every line. He is a Royal Arch Mason and belongs also to the Elks and the Knights of Pythias. Mr. Pigman is unmarried. He owns what is probably the most complete law library in Crawford county, which includes all the Ohio reports together with hundreds of books that are authorities on law.

DAVIS W. HILLIS, a veteran of the great Civil war and an honored and widely known citizen of this section of Ohio, has been a resident of Galion since 1900, when he retired and purchased his comfortable residence at No. 879 East Walnut street. He was born in Fairfield county, O., July 20, 1850, and is a son of James Franklin and Eleanor (Turner) Hillis.

James F. Hillis was born in Maryland and died in Wyandot county, O., in February, 1897, when aged seventy-seven years. He was married in Fairfield county, O., to Eleanor

Turner, who was born at Circleville, O., where she attended school and in childhood was a playmate of Philip Sheridan, later the distinguished military hero. After marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Hillis moved to Upper Sandusky and from 1851 until death, they lived in Wyandot county, Mrs. Hillis surviving her husband for but six weeks. He was a farmer and stock raiser and a solid, representative man and patriotic citizen. Early in the Civil war he became a member of the 83rd O. Vol. Inf., as a private but later was made hospital sergeant as he had medical knowledge from having given some attention to medical study in his earlier years. While with General Sherman's command on the great march to the sea, he contracted yellow fever at Newberne, N. C. He was in an unconscious condition when he was sent north and was discharged from the service on account of disability, but finally was nursed back to health and lived many years afterward. Three children made up his family: Elizabeth, Sarah A. and Davis W. Elizabeth died in girlhood. Sarah A., who is one of the most highly esteemed residents of Akron, O., where she owns a beautiful home, for twenty-five years as a valued teacher in that city. She is a graduate of several well known institutions, afterward making educational work her leading interest, and in recognition of her scholarship and of her faithfulness as a teacher, she has been presented with many medals and other testimonials.

Perhaps Davis W. Hillis was one of the youngest soldiers of the Civil war, for he had not yet passed his fifteenth birthday when he succeeded in enlisting at Upper Sandusky, in Co. I, 192nd O. Vol. Inf., and took part in all the hardships of this command until he was honorably discharged, September 7, 1865, at Winchester, Va. He took part in many minor engagements and skirmishes and saw many of his comrades fall and once was wounded in the knee, at Halltown, Va. His worst experience, however, was when he was captured, when coming down the Shenandoah river, by a band of General Mosby's guerrillas, and for eleven days was forced to march with them in his bare feet and when they released him it was not until they had taken all his clothes. All this hardship and indignity was visited on him after peace was declared, but he was in the

enemy's country, and at that time defenseless. After he returned to Ohio he engaged in farming and stock raising and was interested in developing race horses for a time. In 1872 he located at Bucyrus and continued to live there until 1900, when he came to Galion, where he has lived as stated above. He is a valued member of Keller Post, G. A. R. at Bucyrus.

Mr. Hillis was married in Holmes township, Crawford county, by Rev. J. Crouse, to Miss Susan M. Sell, a member of an old family, who was born there January 7, 1849, a daughter of Jacob and Rebecca (McBride) Sell. The father of Mrs. Hillis was born in Stark county, O., where his people were early settlers. He married Rebecca McBride, whose ancestry was of Virginia, old Revolutionary stock, and at the time of marriage she was a teacher in Crawford county. The Sells later moved on a farm which they developed and improved and there Mrs. Sell died May 1, 1895, aged eighty-one years, having survived her husband since 1874. She had been reared in the Society of Friends but later united with the Lutherans, while he was a life-long Methodist. One of their sons, Isaac D. Sell, who now is a resident of Troy, Kans., was a valiant soldier in the Civil war. Jeremiah Sell is a resident of a western state; Newton, another son, lives in Oklahoma, while another son, Jacob A., is a Baptist minister located at Cleveland, O. Mrs. Hillis has three sisters: Anna, who married John Hill, resides at Galion and they have three children; Mary Ellen, who lives in Holmes township, unmarried; and Jennie, who lives on the old Sell homestead, married but has no children.

To Mr. and Mrs. Hillis the following children were born: Jay J., who died in infancy; Franklin T., who lives with his family on a farm in Jefferson township; William D. W., a railroad man residing at Cleveland, who is an ex-soldier of the Spanish-American war, and has a wife and five children; Emmor G., who served with his brother in the same company in the Spanish-American war, and is also a railroad man and lives at Cleveland with wife and one child; Ella J., who is the wife of Horace Warrick, of Whetstone township, and has one son; James A. G., who is a contractor at Galion, and has one son; Pearl B., who is the wife of Edward Couts of Bucyrus, and has

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one daughter; and Earl R., who is employed in the match factory at Barberton, O. The children of William D. W. and Emmor G. Hillis have the honor of having a great-grandfather and a grandfather who served in the Civil war and fathers who were in the Spanish-American war. Mr. and Mrs. Davis W. Hillis are members of the Christian church.

JACOB HIEBER, whose model farm of 101 acres lies seven miles northeast of Bucyrus, O., in Liberty township, was born on this farm in 1875, and is a son of Frederick and Lydia (Lust) Hieber. The Hieber family is of German extraction on both sides and the father of Jacob Hieber was born in Germany, while the mother was born in Lykens township, Crawford county, of German parents. Ten children were born to them, namely: Frederick W., Elizabeth, Samuel, Benjamin, Joseph, Jacob, Sarah, Isaac, Sophia and Reuben.

Jacob Hieber was educated in the district schools. He remained at home and operated the home farm until he purchased the same in 1908, since which time he has made many excellent improvements and it may now be numbered with the model farms of the township.

Mr. Hieber has a pleasant family circle. He married Miss Louisa Kafer, who is a daughter of Jacob and Magdalina (Shealy) Kafer, old residents of Crawford county, and they have had two children: Winfield Jacob, who died at the age of two and one-half years; and John Frederick, who resides at home. Mr. Hieber and wife are members of the German Lutheran church. He is an intelligent, wide awake citizen and as such is interested in public affairs in his neighborhood. He is a Democrat in politics.

CHARLES P. BRYANT. The Bryant family according to the earliest records that have been discovered, originated in Holland and possibly went to that country from England. Simeon Bryant was born in Holland at the close of the 16th century. At an early age he came to the American colonies and settled at Hackensack, N. J., and about 1617 he located at Springfield, N. J. His family con-

tained four sons: Simeon, Jr., Hannes, Samuel and John.

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Simeon Bryant, Jr., the progenitor of Charles P. Bryant, of Bucyrus, O., was born in 1710. He married Hannah Searing and they had eleven children, the ninth being David, the grandfather of Charles P. Bryant.

David Bryant was born in 1756, in New Jersey and he participated in the Revolutionary war. The official record shows that for one month in 1776 he served as a private minute man, Captain Joseph Horton's Company, First Regiment, Essex County Militia, and later served eight days more in the same company and between 1776 and 1779, served an additional three months in the same company and regiment. Afterward he served seven monthly tours under Capt. Joseph Horton during the continuance of the war, and he participated in the battles of Springfield, Farmers and Elizabeth. This brave man and patriot married Catherine Wooley, a daughter of Major Abram Wooley, who was a member of the U. S. garrison holding Fort Duquesne, now Pittsburgh, Pa., and he was allowed a pension. In 1791 he moved to Washington county, Pa., and in 1816 came to Knox county, O., locating near Mt. Vernon. Fifteen children were born to him. At the age of eighty years he was still a man of such robustness and vigor that he did not hesitate to undertake new enterprises, one of these being the establishment of a new home at Crown Point, near Hebron, Ind. This proposed undertaking Mr. Bryant, however, did not live to complete, his death occurring on the way, at Fort Wayne, Ind. His widow survived him only four days. They were people widely known and of the highest merit.

Isaac Bryant, the third born in the family of fifteen children, was born June 18, 1786. He married Maria Fisher, a daughter of Frederick and Catherine (Quigley) Fisher, the former a native of France and the latter of Ireland. The Fishers lived at Utica, N. Y., where Mr. Fisher was interested in the manufacture of rope but he lost his rope-walk by fire and this deprived him of his resources. After his death Mrs. Fisher moved to Kentucky where her death occurred. At the time of marriage, Isaac Bryant was fifty-seven years of age and

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The third limitation is that the system is designed to be used on a single network. This is also a limitation, but it is a necessary one in order to ensure that the system is secure and that the data is not corrupted. The fourth limitation is that the system is designed to be used on a single operating system. This is also a limitation, but it is a necessary one in order to ensure that the system is secure and that the data is not corrupted.

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was over seventy years of age when his ninth child was born, his death occurring two years later in 1859. At the time of marriage he was at Circleville, O., but later moved to Little Wyandot, where he remained. In politics he was a Democrat and was well known in his day. His widow, born November 7, 1819, died May 4, 1890. She was a member of the Presbyterian church, a woman of admirable character. To Isaac Bryant and wife the following children were born: Isaac and Frederick, both of whom died in infancy; Catherine; John, who died in 1884, aged thirty-five years, who married and had two children; Maria M., who died at the age of seventeen years; Ann, who died in infancy; Jennie W., who is the wife of Frank Sheckler; Charles P., and Benjamin F., who married and lives in Idaho.

Charles P. Bryant was born in Wyandot county, O., November 27, 1855, where he was reared and was carefully educated, his parents providing a governess for their children, a highly educated lady. In 1880 he came to Bucyrus and began the study of surveying and mastered the useful branch of knowledge and accompanied surveyors on many trips in order that he might have plenty of practical experience. Afterward he was appointed city engineer and still later was made deputy surveyor under Surveyor H. E. Valentine, serving under that official until September, 1894, when he became deputy to Surveyor Flickinger, under whom he served six years. In 1900 Mr. Bryant was elected surveyor of Crawford county, assuming the duties of the same in 1901 and served as surveyor until 1907, when he again became deputy, Charles A. Guiss being elected surveyor, and was with Surveyor Guiss until the expiration of the latter's term in September, 1910. Mr. Bryant is one of the leading Democrats of the county and has served as a delegate to both Senatorial and Congressional conventions many times and for two years was secretary of the Crawford County Democratic Central committee. For twenty-five years he has been a member of the Knights of Pythias and thereby has earned a Knight's medal. He belongs also to the Eagles of which organization he has been past worthy president and is a trustee and charter member. Mr. Bryant became interested in the Elks at the time of its organization in 1894 and has

been an active and interested member ever since. Mr. Bryant has never married.

GEORGE C. MAYER, whose well cultivated farm of eighty acres lies four miles west of Bucyrus, O., this location giving him an easy market for his produce, was born at Wittenberg, Germany, June 23, 1876, and is a son of Jacob and Barbara (Swenck) Mayer, both of whom still reside in Germany, where the father is a farmer and a carpenter. The family is one of nine children and three of them live in America.

George C. Mayer obtained his education in Germany and remained in his native land until 1903, when he came to the United States and ever since locating in Ohio has been engaged in farming, first in Jefferson township, Crawford county, and since 1905 on his present place in Holmes township. Here he made all the improvements, even erecting his comfortable residence. He is a hard-working, prudent, sensible man and is prospering.

In October, 1900, Mr. Mayer was married to Miss Emma Steinhilder, a daughter of Francis Steinhilder, who is a substantial farmer of Tod township. Mr. and Mrs. Mayer are members of the Martin Luther church in Tod township. Mr. and Mrs. Mayer have no children. Their one son, Francis Wesley, who was born July 10, 1902, lived not quite two years, dying May 15, 1904. Mr. Mayer has become a citizen of the United States and has identified himself politically with the Democratic party.

GEORGE M. BIRK, Ph. D., of the drug firm of Birk Bros., at Bucyrus, O., located at No. 4 Opera House block, was born at Bucyrus, February 25, 1869, and is a son of John G. and Joanna (Kuhn) Birk, and a grandson of John G. Birk, who came from Germany to Ohio in 1849, one of that notable band of patriots which included such men as Mr. Birk and the late Gen. Carl Schurz, both of whom became honored citizens of their adopted country.

George M. Birk attended school at Bucyrus through his boyhood but, unlike several of his brothers, did not incline to learn the father's trade of harnessmaking. He seemed to have natural talent in the direction of chemistry

and by himself followed a course of reading along that line although he never had any collegiate training. In 1885 he went to Nebraska and there passed the strict examination demanded by the State Board of Pharmacy, and in 1889, two years before he had reached his majority, he was licensed to practice. In 1892 he returned to Bucyrus and in the same year associated himself with his older brother, Hon. Christian F. Birk, in the drug business and for twenty years he has been at the head of his present store. This is the third oldest drug store in this city, having been started in 1878 by A. C. Lewis, who operated it until 1892, when the present firm took possession. They not only carry a complete line of pure drugs and honest proprietary remedies, but all the sundries to be found in a first class establishment of its kind and additionally have a side line in wall paper.

George M. Birk married Miss Florence Mae Eckhart, who was born at Marion, O., a daughter of William H. and Julia C. (Martin) Eckhart, the former of whom was born in Pennsylvania and the latter in Ohio, both of German parents. Mr. Eckhart died in Marion county, O., at the age of fifty years, while his widow makes her home with her daughter, Mrs. Birk, who was an only child. Mr. and Mrs. Birk have one daughter, Kathryn Eckhart, who was born May 12, 1898. Mr. and Mrs. Birk are members of the Presbyterian church. Fraternally he is identified with the Masons, the Elks, the Knights of Pythias and the Woodmen of the World. Politically he is a Democrat.

WILLIAM SIDNEY SWENEY, who owns and carefully cultivates the old homestead farm of 61 acres, which is situated in Whetstone township, Crawford county, O., was born on this farm, June 28, 1850, and is a son of John L. and Jane (McCurdy) Sweney.

The father of Mr. Sweney was of Scotch-Irish parentage but was born in Adams county, Pa., near the historic city of Gettysburg. He came to Crawford county in early manhood and followed farming and stock raising as long as he lived, he and wife both now resting in the Stewart cemetery. She was born in Franklin county, Pa., and was also young when she came to this section and subsequently

was married to John L. Sweney. They had the following children born to them: James Addison; Sarah Elizabeth, who died when aged twenty-four years; Martha Jane, John W., Isaac Newton, Nancy Louise and Thomas Leander, all of whom are deceased; and William Sidney, the youngest born. The latter's paternal grandfather was John Sweney. His maternal grandfather, James McCurdy, was one of the three first elders in the First Presbyterian church at Bucyrus.

William S. Sweney was not quite satisfied when he had completed the common school course and therefore spent one term at Lebanon, O., after which he willingly returned to the farm, where he has led a contented and prosperous life ever since. He assisted his father until the latter's death and then took entire charge of the homestead and carries on a general farming line and raises enough stock for his own use.

Mr. Sweney was married (first) to Miss Margaret Ellen Hess, who died March 29, 1888, a daughter of Andrew and Mary (Henery) Hess. Three children were born to this union: Alva May, who is the wife of Earl Preston; Edgar Blaine, and a babe that died. On May 14, 1891, Mr. Sweney was married (second) to Miss Anna Crall, a daughter of Henry and Julia Crall, farmers in Liberty township, well known people. Mr. and Mrs. Sweney attend the Lutheran church. He has always been identified with the Republican party but has been no seeker for office, but is one of the township's steady and reliable men.

CHARLES E. GEIGER, a well known business man of Bucyrus, a member of the firm of Dobbins & Geiger, wholesale and retail dealers in live stock, meats, sausages and fish, doing all their own butchering and manufacturing, was born at Sandusky, O., January 6, 1879, and is a son of John E. and Adelia (Barbarick) Geiger.

John E. Geiger was born at Sandusky, a son of Rudolph Geiger, who was born in Germany. After coming to the United States the latter followed the brickmaking trade at Sandusky for some years and then purchased a farm in Huron county on which he lived during the rest of his life, his death occurring at the age of seventy-nine years. For many years John

E. Geiger has been a substantial business man of Sandusky, where he now lives. He married Adelia Barbarick, also a native of Ohio and they had five children, four surviving.

Charles E. Geiger attended school at Sandusky and secured a commercial course in one of the business colleges before he entered into business for himself. His father was a butcher and market man and he has been in the business more or less all his life. The present Bucyrus house is an old one, started about forty years ago and for some time prior to Mr. Geiger's interest in it, the name was Snaveley & Dobbins. The present style has been in operation for the past twelve years. Both partners are practical butchers and reliable business men and they have a large trade and their business is on a substantial foundation.

Mr. Geiger was married in 1904 to Miss Lillian Ehrhart, who died eight months afterward. He was married secondly to Miss Collette Kronenbarger, who was born in Crawford county and educated at Bucyrus. Mr. and Mrs. Geiger are members of the Roman Catholic church. He belongs to the fraternal order of Eagles. In public matters Mr. Geiger has shown himself an earnest and public spirited citizen and was elected alderman at large on the Democratic ticket, in which office he is at present serving.

DAVID B. EICHELBERGER, a well known man in Crawford county, O., and a leading citizen of Sandusky township, resides on one of his several farms, eight and one-half miles northeast of Bucyrus, O. He was born in 1846, in Crawford county and is a son of Isaac H. and Catherine (Bibler) Eichelberger.

Isaac H. Eichelberger was born in Virginia but came to Ohio when three years old; his wife was born in Ohio. The following children were born to them: Charles, Sarah, Rebecca, Catherine, Casper, Isaac, Oscar, Elizabeth, Noah and David B.

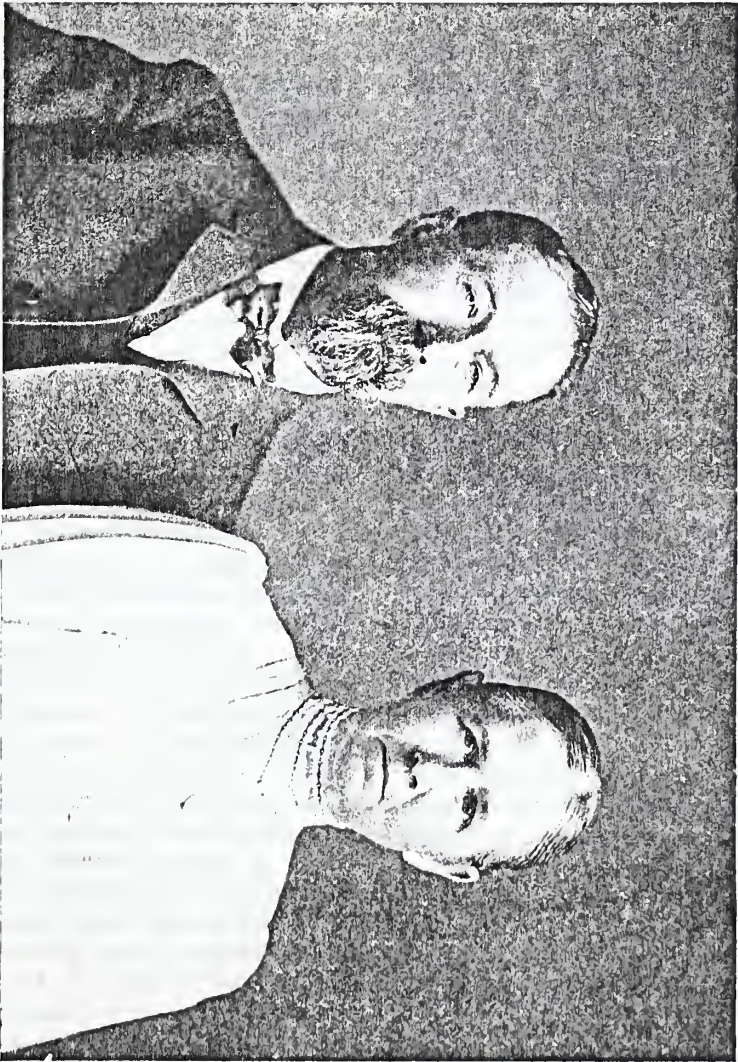
David B. Eichelberger grew up on his father's farm and in boyhood attended the district schools with his brothers and sisters, all of whom survived infancy except Noah and Elizabeth. Mr. Eichelberger owns a great amount of land, some 400 acres, fertile and well improved, and its value is an-

nually increasing. He has additional interests, being a director in the Farmers & Citizens Bank at Bucyrus and is the adjuster for the Farmers' Fire Insurance Company of Crawford county.

Mr. Eichelberger was united in marriage with Miss Elizabeth J. Decker, who is a daughter of Aaron and Nancy (Bishop) Decker, and six children have been born to them: Elta, Ladema, Williard, Edgar, James and Cora. Elta is the wife of Alexander Smith, a prosperous farmer in Sandusky township, and they have four children: Lester, Wayne, Ivan and Edgar. Ladema married C. L. Laughbaum and they have five children: Emmerson, Glenn, Charles, Jennie and Donald, the family home being in Auburn township. Williard is a resident of Whetstone township. He married Elizabeth Sherer and they have two children: Miriam and Loren. Edgar is a farmer in Sandusky township, married Fannie Crider and they have three children: Helen, Mildred and Florence. James is a farmer in Sandusky township, married Jessie Littler and has two children: Elden and Dale. Cora is the wife of Charles McKeelhen and has three children—Lois, Wendell and Orlo—and they reside in Sandusky township. Mrs. Eichelberger's father was born in New Jersey and her mother in Ashland county, O. She has two brothers and one sister, namely: James, who married Alice Briggs and lives in Crawford county; John, a resident of Bucyrus, who married Mary Steifle; and Melvina, who is the wife of Emer Swonger and lives in Arkansas. Mr. Eichelberger and family are members and liberal supporters of the English Lutheran church.

FRED F. HARTER, who carries on general farming and moderate stock raising on his sixty acres of valuable land, situated one mile east of Ocoola, O., is a son of the late Captain J. H. Harter, and was born in 1868, at Nevada, O.

Fred F. Harter was educated in the public schools of Nevada and Ocoola, O., and for twelve years afterward taught school in Crawford county, and was considered an excellent educator. As his father then needed his assistance he engaged in farming the home place and in 1898 came to his present farm



MR. AND MRS. DAVID B. EICHELBERGER

where he erected a modern residence and made other substantial improvements.

Mr. Harter married Miss Kitty Steiner, who was born in Crawford county, and they have three children: John R., William F. and Stephen F. In politics, Mr. Harter is a pronounced Republican and at present is serving on the school board. Fraternally he is identified with the Knights of Pythias, the Woodmen and the J. O. U. A. M. With his family he belongs to the United Brethren church.

HUGH McFARQUHAR, a retired machinist and one of Galion's highly respected citizens, was born in Inverness, Scotland, January 12, 1838, and is a son of Duncan and Isabella (Frazier) McFarquhar.

The parents of Mr. McFarquhar were born in Scotland and the father followed the trade of stone cutter until his death in 1847, when aged sixty years. His widow subsequently crossed the ocean to Canada and died at Toronto. They were members of the Presbyterian church. Of their family of two sons and four daughters, one son and one daughter survive: Hugh and Margaret, the latter being the wife of Frank Holder, of Chicago, Ill., where they have a son and daughter.

Hugh McFarquhar was the youngest born of the family. In 1854 when he accompanied his mother to Canada, he was sixteen years of age and his school days were over. They joined other members of the family who were at Toronto and Hugh soon was apprenticed to learn the machinist's trade. After completing his apprenticeship he went to Dunkirk, N. Y., and was chief machinist for two years with the Erie railroad and then settled at Galion and became a machinist for the Atlantic & Great Western, now the Erie Railway, with which he was identified more or less continuously since 1875. For over twenty years he was at the head of the gang and foreman in the locomotive building department, a man always to be depended upon, steady, efficient and faithful to his employers.

At Litchfield, Ill., Nov. 3, 1864, Mr. McFarquhar was married to Miss Margaret Tannock, who was born in Ayreshire, Scotland, July 28, 1843, and was seven years old when her father brought her to America. He had been dispatched to Paterson, N. J., to take

charge of a department in the Rogers Locomotive Works, and later, for five years was foreman in the Erie Railway shops at Susquehannah, Pa., removing from there to St. Thomas, Canada, later to Guelph. During the Civil war he returned to the United States and settled at Fort Wayne, Ind., after the war moving to Litchfield, Ill., at all these places being connected with railroad work. His death at the age of ninety years, occurred March 8, 1912, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. McFarquhar. His wife died here in 1910, when aged eighty-eight years. They were members of the Presbyterian church.

Six children were born to Mr. and Mrs. McFarquhar: Elizabeth J., who was born at Galion, and who is the wife of C. G. Smith, of Cleveland, and has four children—Louise, Eugene, Garrett and Hugh; John, who occupies a responsible position as manager of the office of a manufacturing concern at Denver, Col.; Margaret, who died when aged but seventeen years; Andrew, who lives at Buffalo, N. Y., and is assistant to the general foreman of the Erie Railway, who married Myrta Kincaid and has one son, William; Charles, who was accidentally killed on the Erie Railroad when aged seventeen years; and Janette, an accomplished and educated young lady, who is acceptably filling the position of secretary to a manager of a Working Woman's club at Davenport, Ia. Mr. and Mrs. McFarquhar are members of the Presbyterian church in which he has been an elder for ten years.

VICTOR L. KEMP, one of the representative citizens of North Robinson, Crawford county, O., manager of the elevator at this place for the Switzer & White Elevator Company and a member of the town council, was born at Union City, Ind., and is a son of Joshua and Rachel (Fields) Kemp.

Joshua Kemp was born at Baltimore, Md., in early manhood, locating in Randolph county, Indiana, where he married Rachel Fields, and they both are deceased, their burial being at Union City, Ind. Mr. Kemp was a farmer and made a specialty of gardening. His children were as follows: Alonzo; Lola, who is the wife of William Haney; Laura and Hattie, both of whom are deceased; Victor L.;

John; Herschel; Ora, who is the wife of Albert Bogan; and Robert.

Victor L. Kemp attended the public schools in Indiana and then learned the carriage painting trade which he followed for some eleven years and was afterward otherwise engaged until April, 1907, when he accepted the management of the North Robinson elevator. A large business is done here and the Switzer & White Company is known all over the county.

Mr. Kemp was married December 31, 1898, to Miss Aretta Newhouse, who is a daughter of Michael and Olive (Johnson) Newhouse and a granddaughter of Charles Newhouse and Henry Johnson. Her father was born in Germany but spent his last years in Crawford county. The mother of Mrs. Kemp was born in Crawford county and now resides with Mr. and Mrs. Kemp, the latter being the youngest of four children, the others being as follows: Oliva, wife of Augustus Tracht; William H., deceased, and Lawrence. Mr. and Mrs. Kemp are members of the English Lutheran church. In politics Mr. Kemp is a Democrat and is active in local affairs. He is identified with Tent No. 256 K. O. T. M., at North Robinson.

JOSEPH F. WARNER, who occupies the position of a Government railway mail clerk, with home at Bucyrus, O., belongs to an old New England family of more or less prominence in colonial days. His grandfather, William Warner, came, in 1815, from Connecticut, to Medina county, O., accompanied by his wife, formerly Clarissa Warner. They were people of thrifty ideas, just the resourceful kind that made successful pioneers. When they started for the new lands in Ohio it was a great undertaking, but they had a strong ox-team and they decided to load their wagon with buttons and, by disposing of these at Cleveland, would secure money that would be very useful when they had left civilization behind them, and also would enable them to provide housekeeping necessities to take with them. In all probability their plans were successfully carried out and by the time they reached their new home with their two babies, a log cabin was awaiting them, it having been ordered built by William's father. They lived

into old age on their land in Medina county and were respected and esteemed people.

Three sons and one daughter were born to William and Clarissa Warner. Lucius, the eldest, lived and died in Medina county, survived by one daughter, Mary, who lives in California, the widow of Alfred Armstrong. Lorenzo was educated in Kenyon College, at Gambier, O., for the Methodist ministry. He married and had three sons and one daughter. Joseph was born June 3, 1818, on the new farm, in Liverpool township, Medina county, O., and died in 1903. The one daughter died in infancy.

Joseph Warner inherited the old homestead and gave his parents filial care in their declining years. At the time of his death he was the oldest resident of Liverpool township, being aged eighty-five years. In his early political life he was a Whig but in 1857 identified himself with the Republican party at its birth. He was married in Medina county, O., to Emily A. Mathewson, who was born also in Liverpool township, in 1822 and died at the age of seventy-seven years. They were members and liberal supporters of the Methodist Episcopal church. To them the following children were born: Lucius W., who was born October 1, 1841, who is a farmer in Lorain county, O., and who married Julia McMillian and has three children—Cora, Eva and Adella; H. Ellen, born June 12, 1843, who is the widow of Rev. D. O. Fox, and has an adopted son, John Fox; Olive, born April 9, 1845, who is the wife of David Torbet, of Albany College, at Albany, Ore.; Clarissa P., who died at the age of sixteen years; Philip L., who is a farmer on a part of the old homestead; and Joseph Fremont. The above family all had excellent educational advantages. Mrs. Fox was graduated with the highest honors at Baldwin University, Berea, O., and won the degree of M. A. She became a member of the faculty and held the chair of mathematics and was also a colaborer with Prof. A. Schuyler in his mathematical works and is also the author of several volumes. In early womanhood she went to India as a missionary and while there met Rev. D. O. Fox, who was sent into the missionary field from Illinois. After twenty-five years of faithful missionary

work Mrs. Fox does not yet feel that the harvest is ripe enough for her to rest from her labors. She is a woman of extraordinary mentality, Christian zeal and executive ability.

Joseph Fremont Warner was born on the old homestead in Medina county, O., July 1, 1855. He completed his education at Baldwin College and afterward, for twelve years, devoted himself to educational work, teaching in Ottawa, Cuyahoga and Medina counties. In 1890 he accepted the position of Government railway mail clerk and during all this time has been on the Pennsylvania Railroad, being now a fifth grade clerk. Every one does not realize the knowledge that is made a requisite for a position of this kind and in the five states covered by his distribution—Pennsylvania, Iowa, Illinois, South Dakota and Nebraska—Mr. Warner declares that he is not only familiar with every post-office location but with every fence corner. For five years prior to locating at Bucyrus, in 1890, he resided at Mansfield, O.

In Medina county Mr. Warner was married to Miss Mary L. Gano, who was born in Wood county, O., July 2, 1859, and died at Mansfield, August 26, 1894. She was survived by the following children: Blanche A., born July 16, 1878, who is the wife of F. M. Young, of Logansport, Ind., and has one daughter, Frances; Maude A., born July 13, 1880, who is the wife of Jesse Casteel, a farmer at Lake Geneva, Wis., and has three children—Luella, Harry and Ellis F; Jessie M., who was born July 26, 1882, and died March 6, 1902; and Greeta L., who was born November 7, 1886, and died December 8, 1902.

At Mansfield, O., Mr. Warner was married (second) in 1895, to Miss Georgia Casteel, who was born at Haysville, Ashland county, O., January 9, 1872, where she was educated. She comes from an old Castilian family of Spain, her ancestors having been driven from that country by religious persecution. They found their way to the eastern coast of the American continent and were among the early settlers at Jamestown, Va. Mrs. Warner is a daughter of Elias and Sarah M. (Fry) Casteel. Her father was born in Ohio and her mother at Evansville, Ind., and they were married at Hookstown, O. On July 4, 1876,

they settled at Evansville, Ind., later moving to Mansfield, O., where he carried on business as a shoe merchant. In 1861 he enlisted for service in the Civil War, entering the 101st O. Vol. Inf., from which he was subsequently discharged on account of disability, when he returned to Haysville, O., and there his death occurred December 3, 1884. His wife survived until January 12, 1897. The family belonged to the Methodist Episcopal church and to the same religious body Mr. and Mrs. Warner are attached. They have had two children: Fremont Casteel, who was born September 7, 1902, and died October 5 in the same year; and Lolo Belle, who was born October 20, 1907. Politically Mr. Warner is a Republican but his busy life scarcely affords him time or opportunity to accept any public office although few men are better qualified, but he takes an intelligent citizen's interest in all that promises to benefit his city. For many years he has been a member of Trinity Lodge F. & A. M., at Bucyrus. He and family enjoy an attractive and comfortable residence and their circle of friends is a large one.

J. E. JOHNSON, general farmer and stock raiser, who owns a well improved farm of 42 acres, which lies four and one-half miles north of Bucyrus, O., was born in Washington county, Md., September 7, 1871, and is a son of Luther and Mary (Furry) Johnson.

Luther Johnson was born in Maryland and from there went to Franklin county, Pa., where he engaged in farming for many years and died at the age of 62. Some 30 years ago he came to Crawford county and spent a few weeks here but returned to his old home in Pennsylvania and never came back. He was married in that state to Mary Furry and they had the following children born to them: J. E., William, Clara, Lizzie, Mac and David, Mac being now deceased.

J. E. Johnson had common school advantages in Franklin county, Pa., and assisted his father afterward until 1886, when he came to Crawford county, O. For thirteen years afterward Mr. Johnson worked on farms in this county, becoming well acquainted with the people and with the relative value of different sections in the farming districts. After marriage he purchased a farm in Marion county

and operated it for two years and then moved to Galion, where his wife died and after disposing of his property there he went to Henry county. Subsequently he married again and then returned to Galion and later went to Bucyrus where he worked for one year for the American Clay Machinery people, after which, in 1907, he bought his present farm and has been here ever since. The buildings were sufficiently comfortable and in good enough repair for use but there were many other improvements that Mr. Johnson has thought desirable and has put them in place. He is numbered with the competent and successful agriculturists of Holmes township and is one of its most respected citizens.

Mr. Johnson was married first to Miss Cora Meyers and second to Miss Kate Meyers. His two children, Howard W. and Stanley C. were both born to his first union. In politics Mr. Johnson is a Democrat and while living in Marion county he served on the school board, but has accepted no office since coming to Holmes township.

D. W. BRICKLEY, M. D., physician and surgeon at Galion, O., specialist in general surgery and a member of the medical firm of Morgan & Brickley, operating a private hospital, was born at Galion, O., in 1877 and is well known to the people of this city. He is a son of Samuel and Mary (Hershner) Brickley.

Samuel Brickley was born in Morrow county, O., was a farmer and carpenter in both Crawford and Morrow counties and died in Troy township in the latter county, in June, 1911, when aged seventy years. His widow survives and continues to occupy the old homestead in Troy township. She is a member of the United Brethren church. The family consisted of four sons and one daughter.

D. W. Brickley enjoyed educational advantages in different sections and attended the Johnsville High School and completed additional work in Mansfield, O., and later, from 1896 until 1900, engaged in teaching and study, after which he entered the Ohio Medical University at Columbus, O., where he was graduated in the class of 1904. Subsequently he took a post-graduate course in the New York Post-Graduate (Medical) School and Hospital, where he secured valu-

able surgical and hospital experience. He was engaged in practice at Canal Winchester prior to coming to Galion. Here, in partnership with Dr. Morgan he conducts a private hospital and the firm are the surgeons for the Big Four and the Erie Railways and official examiners for the U. S. Marine corps. He is a member of the county and state medical bodies and of the American Medical Association.

Dr. Brickley was married in Morrow county to Miss Luetta B. Baker, a daughter of C. A. and Ellen (Emig) Baker. Mr. Baker is now established in the undertaking and furniture business at Truman, Minn. Dr. and Mrs. Brickley have two sons: Daniel W. and Charles Lester. They are members of the United Brethren church. He is a 32nd degree Mason, belongs to the Blue Lodge and Chapter at Galion, the Council at Bucyrus, the Commandery at Mansfield, the Consistory at Columbus, and the Shrine at Toledo. His time is too much occupied to permit of much political activity but in national matters he casts his vote with the Democracy.

T. M. DROLESBAUGH, who has been a resident of Crawford county, O., since his nineteenth year, carries on general farming and stock raising on his well improved place six miles northwest of Bucyrus. He was born at Oil City, Pa., and is a son of James and Elizabeth Bell (Marshall) Drolesbaugh.

James Drolesbaugh was a farmer before he enlisted for service in the Civil War, becoming a member of the 171st Pa. Vol. Inf., and contracted illness during his service which caused his death, when he was 41 years of age. He married Elizabeth Bell Marshall, who now resides in Perry county, Pa., being in her seventieth year. They had three children: T. M., Mrs. Catherine Gray and Mrs. Amanda Smith, both sisters of Mr. Drolesbaugh being residents of Perry county.

T. M. Drolesbaugh was young when his parents moved to Perry county, Pa., and he attended the public schools and Bloomfield Academy. Afterward he migrated to Crawford county, O., and worked for some years as a farm hand, and then embarked in the implement business and conducted the same for fourteen years at Bucyrus. After selling he purchased a farm which he operated for

two years and later bought his present place of 150 acres on which he has resided ever since.

Mr. Drolesbaugh was married in Perry county to Miss Anna Meminger, who died in October, 1908, at the age of 46 years, leaving two children: Guernsey and Amy, both of whom reside with their father. Mr. Drolesbaugh served almost ten years in Company A, 8th Regiment O. N. G., and has in his possession three honorable discharges and also telegrams received during the strike of 1895 from President McKinley, who was then Governor of Ohio. As captain of the Sons of Veterans Mr. Drolesbaugh put Col. Lemet Camp on a substantial basis as to membership and finances. He has a wide acquaintance with big game hunters, having been near Hudson Bay, Canada, and all over the northern portion of the Province of Quebec. In politics, Mr. Drolesbaugh is a Democrat and locally is influential in his party. He served four years as constable of Bucyrus. At present he is serving in the office of constable for Holmes township.

JOHN W. McCARRON, attorney at law, who has been engaged in the practice of his profession at Galion, O., since 1901 and is a representative and useful citizen, was born in Richland county, O., February 12, 1874, and is a son of Fred., and a grandson of James McCarron.

James McCarron was of Scotch-Irish ancestry and possibly was born in New Jersey, from which state he came to Ohio at an early day. He located first in Columbiana county but later moved to Fredericktown, in Knox county, where he engaged in brick manufacturing until his death, when aged fifty years. He married Jane Baker, who lived to the age of eighty-five years, passing away in Ashland county. They were among the early supporters of the Methodist Episcopal church, in that section.

Frederick McCarron was born in Columbiana county, O., and has spent the greater part of his life as a farmer. He still resides near Fredericktown, in Knox county, where he is well known and much respected. He is a Democrat in his political views but has never sought public office. He was married in Rich-

land county, O., to Priscilla Hunter, who was born there in 1848, and died in Knox county, March 10, 1908. Her parents were Benjamin and Sarah (Jump) Hunter, and her brother, Robert Hunter, who is a graduate of Dartmouth College and a resident of Richland county, is a prominent man of that part of the state. The grandfather, James Hunter, who served in the War of 1812, was a son of a Revolutionary soldier. To Frederick McCarron and wife a family was born and five of their children survive, all of whom, with one exception, have domestic circles of their own.

John W. McCarron was reared in Knox county, attended school at the Ohio State Normal School, Ada, O., and for a few years before graduating in law, taught school, but was admitted to the bar shortly after his twenty-first birthday, in June, 1895. For about six years Mr. McCarron engaged in law practice at Mt. Vernon, O., and then came to Galion, where he has built up a very satisfactory practice.

Mr. McCarron was married to Miss Julia Menges, who was born at Sandusky, O., a daughter of Jacob and Julia (Stecker) Menges, who came to America from Germany when young. The parents of Mrs. McCarron reside at Crestline, O., and are aged about seventy-five years. For fifty years Jacob Menges has been a piano instructor and is a man of great musical talent. Mrs. McCarron, the only daughter in a family of four children, has inherited a large measure of musical talent. She was two years old when her parents moved from Sandusky to Crestline and was educated there. Mr. and Mrs. McCarron have two children: Ruth M. and Robert F., aged respectively eleven and six years. The family belongs to the First Presbyterian church. Mr. McCarron is identified with the Knights of Pythias, the Maccabees and the Foresters. His political rearing was in the Democratic party and he has continued loyal to its principles.

CHARLES G. F. REIFF, who owns a fine, well improved farm of eighty-two acres, situated in Holmes township, Crawford county, O., has spent almost all his life here but was born in Seneca county, O., in 1862, and is a son of J. C. and Mary (Shaub) Reiff.

J. C. Reiff was born in 1836, in Germany, and from there came to the United States when he was eighteen years of age and located in Seneca county, O., moving from there to Crawford county in the fall of 1862. He died here October 23, 1887, and of his ten children there are seven yet living.

Charles G. F. Reiff was an infant when his parents came to Holmes township. After his attendance in the district schools was over he engaged in farming and also learned the stonemason's trade. While he has continued to operate his farm he has also done considerable work in this section as a mason and is well known in that connection all over the county. Mr. Reiff has improved his property and has built a comfortable and commodious residence. He married Miss Minnie A. Snively and they have four children: Floy E., Lulu F., Arthur A. and O. M. Mr. Reiff and family attend the United Brethren church. He is an active citizen in local matters, takes much interest in the public schools and at present is serving as a school director. In politics he is a Democrat.

J. E. GELSANLITER, one of the substantial citizens and representative business men of Galion, O., proprietor of the Boston Street Meat Market, was born in Polk township, Crawford county, O., April 2, 1861, and is a son of George and Elizabeth (Burgener) Gelsanliter.

George Gelsanliter was born in Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany, in 1834, and some years later accompanied his parents to America, crossing the Atlantic Ocean in a sailing vessel that required three months to make the voyage. The family located in Richland county, O., and ten years later the father died. He helped to clear off the timber that then covered the present site of Crestline. For many years he was a well digger and pump manufacturer but later became a farmer and since 1865 has resided on his valuable farm located just outside the limits of Galion. He married Elizabeth Burgener, who was born in Morrow county, O., and she also survives, and, like her husband, is in the enjoyment of excellent health. They are members of the English Lutheran church. One son and two daughters were born to them, the latter being

Alice Rosella and Bertha May. The younger daughter was the first wife of Leonard Fickersen and at death she left two children: George and Leonard. Mr. Fickersen subsequently was married to the older daughter and she is now living at the home of her parents with the boys. Mr. Fickersen died about five years ago, leaving no children of his second marriage.

J. E. Gelsanliter has always lived in Polk township, Crawford county, and he lived on the home farm until he came to Galion and went into business, some twenty-four years since. He started in the grocery business on the corner of Grove Avenue and Boston Street, opening up his place April 30, 1888, and he conducted the Boston Street Grocery for ten years, when he sold his grocery business to Evans & Kurrley and since then has devoted himself exclusively to his meat business. When he started he opened with his first stock of goods in a private house and now has a large and commodious establishment and owns property extending along Grove Avenue from Boston to Union Street.

Mr. Gelsanliter was married near Galion, O., to Miss May Belle Cummings, who was born in Crawford county and is a daughter of Samuel and Emily (Baker) Cummings. The father of Mrs. Gelsanliter still lives on his old farm, being now in his 67th year, but his wife died in early life at the age of 28 years, survived by two children: Mrs. Gelsanliter and Charles, the latter of whom lives in Polk township and is a machinist by trade. To Mr. and Mrs. Gelsanliter six children were born, namely: Bessie, who died at the age of eighteen months; Olive, who graduated from the Galion High School and is now a member of the class of 1913, at Wittenberg College, Springfield, O.; Norma Ethel, who graduated from the Galion High School in 1910 and is a student at Wittenberg College; Charles and George, both of whom are students in the Galion High School; and Alice May. All the family, except the youngest child, are members of the English Lutheran church. Politically a Democrat, Mr. Gelsanliter has served two terms on the city council and for the past six years has been a member of the board of education.

CHARLES L. SHAWK, general farmer and stock raiser, residing six miles northwest of Bucyrus, O., where he owns seventy-six acres, was born on the old home place north of Bucyrus, in 1861, on which his father, J. T. Shawk, still resides, being now in his seventy-sixth year.

Charles L. Shawk attended the schools of Crawford county and afterward was a student for two terms at Hillsdale, Mich., and then returned to the home farm and assisted his father for several years. From there he moved one mile south of Wingert's Corners or Brokensword, where he remained until March, 1883, when he returned to the home farm for two years and then settled on the old Thomas Shawk's farm, south of Wingert's Corners or Brokensword, and after two years there came to his present place. He has made all the substantial improvements here and also on his other farm of eighty acres, which lies one-half mile to the west.

In March, 1885, Mr. Shawk was married to Miss Laura Wilhelm, a daughter of the late Christian Wilhelm, and they have three children: Guy, Arthur and Grace. In politics Mr. Shawk is a Democrat. With his family he belongs to the United Brethren church at Bethe in Holmes township.

T. C. Shawk, who resides four miles northwest of Bucyrus, on his farm of eighty acres, was born on the old Shawk farm north of Bucyrus, in 1872. Since leaving school he has been continuously engaged in farm pursuits, remaining on the homestead for some ten years following his marriage and coming then to his present farm on which he built both the house and barn. In 1896 he was married to Miss Emma Meck and they have three children: Russell, Willard and Warren. With his family he belongs to the Evangelical church at Harmony. Politically he is a Democrat.

CHARLES JEFFERSON CRISSINGER, who controls a large amount of the real estate and insurance business at Galion, O., was born in Crawford county, O., August 6, 1846, and is a son of Jacob and Elizabeth (Coblen) Crissinger, and a grandson of George Crissinger.

George Crissinger was of German extrac-

tion but was born in Northumberland county, Pa., was reared there to farm pursuits and all his life expressed himself in the Pennsylvania German dialect. He married in Pennsylvania and there his five sons and perhaps an equal number of daughters were born and they accompanied him when he moved to Crawford county, O., in the early thirties.

Jacob Crissinger, son of George and father of Charles J., was born in Pennsylvania, in February, 1812, and died in Ohio, May 13, 1885. He was a young man when he accompanied his parents to Ohio but subsequently returned to Pennsylvania to marry Elizabeth Coble, who was born there in 1817 and died in Ohio September 23, 1861. After returning to Ohio they lived in Whetstone township, Crawford county, and became some of its most respected people. Jacob Crissinger was a carpenter by trade and also was an auctioneer and cried sales all over the county in both the German and the English languages. They were members of the Methodist Episcopal church. Their family contained the following children: Catherine, who was born October 20, 1838, died in 1876, married Samuel Kennedy and left seven children, all now deceased; Malinda, born in 1840, died July 17, 1881, married William Hile, also now deceased; Eli, who was born March 26, 1843, died unmarried, September 22, 1873; Emanuel C., who follows the carpenter trade at Galion; Daniel, who follows the same trade, in Whetstone township; William, who was born in 1848, died unmarried in 1861; Andrew, who was born in 1859, died in 1862; Sarah, who was born in 1854, died in 1856. Jacob Crissinger was married (second) to Mrs. Keziah Cramer and the following children were born to this union: Moses, who was born September 26, 1866, died April 7, 1873; Jacob, who is a resident of Marion, O., and has a wife and three daughters; Sarah, who is the wife of a Mr. Fisher, of Marion county, and they have a large family; and Hattie, who is the wife of Joseph Reber, and they live at Chicago, Ill.

Until he was sixteen years of age, when he started out to take care of himself, Charles J. Crissinger attended school and gave his father assistance. He continued to work at farming until he was twenty-three years old and then learned the carpenter trade, which he followed

until 1887, when he embarked in the grocery business and continued until 1901. In that year he disposed of his grocery interests and went into the real estate and insurance business and has been very successful along this line and through his efforts much real estate has changed hands here and capital has been brought to this section. Mr. Crissinger is one of the representative business men of the city.

In early manhood, in Whetstone township, Mr. Crissinger was married to Miss Civilla Noblit, who was born there October 4, 1850, and they have been residents of Galion since 1872. Her parents, Robert and Susanna (Albright) Noblit, were born in Pennsylvania and came to Crawford county as early settlers and lived and died on their farm in Whetstone township, the father passing away at the age of sixty-three years but the mother surviving to the age of seventy-four years. They were members of the Reformed church. Five children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Noblit, namely: Samuel, who died unmarried, in 1861; John, who resides with his family in Whetstone township; Mary M., who is a resident of the above township; and Isaac, who is a resident of Bucyrus, O.

Mr. and Mrs. Crissinger had one son, Edward Wilson, who was born September 30, 1872. He was a young business man of promise and had a bright future before him when he was accidentally killed on a railroad crossing, January 4, 1901. He was survived by his young wife, Mrs. Mary F. (Burwell) Crissinger. She was born in Jefferson township, Crawford county, O., a daughter of Calvin and Martha (Gledhill) Burwell, old residents of Jefferson township, where they spent their entire lives. Mr. and Mrs. Crissinger were members of the United Brethren church. In his political views he is a Democrat.

WINFIELD S. SPEIGEL, who owns and resides on the old Miller homestead, which is situated four miles north of Bucyrus, O., was born near Pleasant Home in 1872, and is a son of John Speigel, one of the early settlers of Holmes township, Crawford county, O. The family is of German extraction and it has many representatives in this section, all substantial and respected people.

Winfield S. Speigel attended the country

schools and then turned his attention to farming, beginning on a place just west of his present farm, where he cultivated eighty acres until 1912, when he moved to the farm he recently purchased. In the latter he has fifty-nine acres and he still retains his first farm on which he made all the improvements and erected the substantial buildings. General farming has been successfully carried on and moderate stock raising.

Mr. Speigel was married in early manhood to Miss Amanda Walther, who was born in Liberty township, Crawford county, O., and they have two children: Marie and Alberta. As a citizen, Mr. Speigel takes an interest in public matters and votes with the Democratic party but he has never desired to assume the cares of office.

RALPH O. PERROTT, secretary and manager of the American Clay Machinery Company, of Bucyrus, O., has been identified with this large manufacturing concern since 1901 and has occupied his present position since 1906, entering the business as a stenographer immediately after his graduation from the Bucyrus High School. He was born in this city in January, 1883, a son of John R. and Nancy J. (Bacon) Perrott.

The parents of Mr. Perrott were born, reared and married in the western part of Pennsylvania and for a number of years have been residents of Bucyrus, where they recently celebrated their fifty-second wedding anniversary. About 1860 they came to Ohio and located at Crestline where John R. Perrott was employed in the shops of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company as a skilled machinist. In the early seventies they removed to Bucyrus and this has been their home ever since, and during the greater part of this time up to the present, Mr. Perrott has been with the Bucyrus Steam Shovel & Dredging Company. So highly do his employers regard his capacity as an expert machinist that they entrusted to him the making of their exhibition dredges which excited much interest when they were shown at the Columbian Exposition at Chicago, Ill. Mr. Perrott is now 73 years of age but, nevertheless, quietly and efficiently carries on his usual activities daily and his company yet relies on his skill and judgment in



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everything concerning their machinery. With his wife he attends the Presbyterian church. They have five children, two of whom are married.

Ralph O. Perrott was educated in his native city and, as he has taken care of himself, in a practical way, since he was seven years of age, may justly be termed a self made man. As a lad he delivered newspapers and then conceived the idea that he would like to be a printer. Accordingly he entered the Hopley printing establishment and learned the business in all its departments. From the very first he had saved a portion of his earnings and when he decided to turn his attention to other than newspaper work, he had enough means laid by to ensure him against financial embarrassment. After showing ability as a stenographer with the American Clay Machinery Company, he was transferred from the general office to the credit department, where his powers of organization were soon shown and he was placed at the head of this important branch of the business. Through his systematic methods and good judgment he soon established this department on a firm basis and not only succeeded in collecting debts of large volume that had been considered worthless by the firm, but so regulated the line of credits that such embarrassments in the future could be largely eliminated. His value as an executive officer could not be overlooked and in 1906 the board of directors elected him first secretary of the corporation and manager of the Bucyrus factory, a timely recognition of his talents, fidelity and industry. Mr. Perrott is yet numbered with the city's young business men but he stands high in this connection and enjoys the confidence of people who have known him all his life.

Mr. Perrott was married at Bucyrus to Miss Blanche Quilter, who was born and educated in this city, a daughter of Frank and Bridget (Kane) Quilter, the former of whom is superintendent of the Broken Sword Stone Company of Bucyrus. Mr. and Mrs. Quilter and Mrs. Perrott are all members of the Roman Catholic church. On May 24, 1909, a daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Perrott, whom they named Margaret Maxine. Mr. Perrott is a member of the Episcopal church. He is active in local interests of various kinds,

is a director of the Farmers National Bank; secretary of the Bucyrus City Hospital Association; and chairman of the finance committee, of the Y. M. C. A., in which relation he assisted in raising the sum of \$17,000. He is a Knight Templar Mason and is an active member of the order of Elks. Politically both he and his father are Republicans.

JOHN SANFORD BURNISON, who has been identified with the Erie Railway Company for 33 years—continuously since 1876 with the exception of three years—has been conductor on the Fourth Division between Marion and Dayton, O., since 1884 and is justly popular with the public as he is held in high regard by the company. He was born near Galion, O., October 1, 1858, and is a son of John and Mary (Myers) Burnison.

John Burnison was born February 20, 1819, at Canton, O., and died in Hardin county, November 27, 1880. His father, who was born in Scotland, came to the United States quite early in life and secured later 200 acres of land in Stark county, on which the city of Canton now stands. He and wife both died in Wyandot county. John Burnison became a farmer and followed agricultural pursuits in Marion, Crawford and Hardin counties. He was a man of sterling qualities and was well known and much respected. He married Mary Myers, who was born in Germany, March 4, 1820, and was sixteen years of age when she came to the United States and died in Ohio at the age of sixty years. In early married life they were members of the United Brethren church but later united with the Dunkard body. They had ten children, seven sons and three daughters. The three surviving members of this family are: John Sanford; James H., who lives in Hardin county, O.; and Emma, who is the wife of Alvin Wall, a resident of Hardin county.

John Sanford Burnison was married (first) in Hardin county, to Miss Jennie Wall, who was born there in 1860 and died March 14, 1906, survived by one son, Roy O., who was born August 27, 1882. He was educated in the Galion schools and has his home at Crestline, being a conductor on the Pennsylvania Railroad. He married Miss Kittie Fecke, and they have one daughter, Dorothea, who was

born December 14, 1905. Mr. Burnison was married (second) to Miss Viola May Cole, who was born in Sandusky township, Crawford county, November 11, 1882, a daughter of Samuel F. and Delora N. (Lauchbaum) Cole. The parents of Mrs. Burnison retired from their farm to Galion, in 1911. The father is a Republican in politics and both he and wife are members of the United Brethren church. Mr. and Mrs. Burnison have a bright little son, John Franklin, who was born April 25, 1909. They attend the United Brethren church. Mr. Burnison belongs to the order of Railroad Conductors, No. 109, at Galion.

FERDINAND HECK, a respected resident of Galion, where he owns property, is a locomotive engineer, employed on the Cincinnati division of the Erie Railroad, was born in Prussia, Germany, about 20 miles from Berlin, Feb. 12, 1861. His parents, John and Frederica (Erest) Heck, were natives of the same place. In 1864 they emigrated with their family to the United States in a sailing vessel, the voyage occupying six weeks. They landed at Castle Garden, New York City and continued on to Mansfield, Ohio, where John Heck found employment at his trade of mason. After following his trade in Mansfield for ten years, he turned his attention to farming, at the end of ten years thus occupied locating on a five-acre tract of land near Shelby, Richland county, O., where he died September 24, 1898, at the age of 78 years. His wife died March 17, 1905, at the age of sixty-two. They belonged to the German Lutheran church and he was a Democrat in politics. Their children—five in number—were as follows: Amelia, who is the wife of Michael Menchen, resides on the old homestead near Shelby and has two children—William and Anna. Ferdinand, whose name appears at the head of this sketch; Rena, who lives near Shelby, O., is the wife of Jacob Ginder and has two children—Wilbur and Edith; Augusta, who was born on the voyage to America and who died in Mansfield, O., at the age of four years; and Anna, born in Mansfield, O., who is the wife of Martin J. Molder, resides in Shelby, O., and has three children—John, Myrtle and Glenn.

Ferdinand Heck was reared and educated

in Mansfield and in Richland county, Ohio. He acquired a knowledge both of mason work and farming, but at the age of 24 years obtained employment on the Big Four Railroad. Later he secured a position as fireman on the Erie road and was thus employed for twelve years, at the end of that time being promoted to engineer on the Cincinnati division of the Erie road (known as the Third Division) and has since been thus occupied. Some time ago he purchased half a block of land on East Main street, Galion, on which he has two large residences, one of which he occupies.

On June 25, 1885, he was married in Mansfield, O., to Miss Susie Placer, who was born near Richland, Ohio, March 10, 1862, and who was there reared and educated. Her parents were Conrad and Elizabeth (Christman) Placer, natives of Germany, who came to America when young people and who were married in Mansfield, later locating in Richland county, where Mr. Placer died in 1868 at the age of about forty years. His wife died in Crestline, on the Richland county side of that city, June 19, 1888, when she was nearly 60 years of age. They were German Lutherans in religion. Their daughter Susan (Mrs. Heck) was the fourth born of six children, three of whom are yet living, namely: Mrs. Heck; a half brother, J. C. Klingelhafer, who resides in Galion, is married and has three children—Ruth, Robert and Mary; and a sister, Mrs. Sarah Placer, who is now residing with Mrs. Heck. Mr. and Mrs. Heck have no children; the latter is a member of the English Lutheran church. Mr. Heck is a socialist in his political views. He is a member of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and is a reliable and progressive citizen.

ALFRED LEUTHOLD, attorney at law at Bucyrus, O., was born in Canton Bern, Switzerland, November 11, 1874, one of a family of nine children born to his parents, Christian Leuthold, Jr. and wife, and a grandson of Christian and Sarah (Von Bergen) Leuthold. The paternal great-grandfather was a prominent physician in Switzerland.

Christian Leuthold, Jr., was born in Canton Bern, Switzerland, in 1811 and died at Bucyrus February 15, 1906. In his native land he was a grower of stock. He married Kath-

erine Knoti, of Canton Bern, and they, with their nine children, came to the United States in 1884, landing at the harbor of New York. From there they made their way to Upper Sandusky, O., and four years afterward moved to Bucyrus township, Crawford county. The father and sons rented a large farm, all of his sons helping industriously in order to acquire homes of their own. After the father died the mother retired to Bucyrus, where she still lives at the age of seventy-four years. At present this family owns valuable land and stock and is numbered with the substantial ones of the county. Their children were as follows: Katherine, who is the wife of Jacob Bohn, a farmer in Holmes township, and they have three children: Christian, who is a farmer in Crawford county, married Clara Geisman and they have eight children; Rosa L., who is the wife of Godfrey Welty, a farmer in Holmes township, and they have eight children; David, who is a farmer in Holmes township, married Louisa Geist, and they have one child; John, who is a farmer in Bucyrus township, married Anna Spring, and they have two sons; Godfrey, who is an attorney at Bucyrus, is unmarried; Alfred, the subject of this sketch; Samuel, who is associated in the practice of law with his brother Alfred, married Tena Miller, and they have one son; and Louisa, who resides with her mother and is an exemplary daughter.

Through many hardships and discouragements, Alfred Leuthold secured an education and was graduated in the class of 1897 from the Ohio Northern University at Ada, O., with the degree of A. B., having been admitted to the bar before he was graduated. Later he taught school in Crawford county, O. When the Spanish-American war broke out in 1898, he enlisted as a private in the 4th Ohio and served for one year, during this time being stationed for three months on the island of Porto Rico. He was honorably discharged January 20, 1899, and then came to Bucyrus, where he established himself in the practice of law. He is a member of Camp Thoman, No. 33, Spanish-American War Veterans, at Bucyrus. Mr. Leuthold was married in Crawford county to Miss Hattie Keplinger, who was born in Liberty township in 1874 and was educated in the public schools. They have

three children: Emerson, who was born in 1903; Warren Keplinger, in 1905; and Ruth Katherine, whose birth took place May 12, 1898. Mr. and Mrs. Leuthold are members of the United Brethren church.

DAVID H. WHITE, who has been identified with the mills operated by Zigler & Co., at Bucyrus, O., for the past twenty-seven years and for eighteen of these has been a member of the firm, has been connected with the industry since he was thirteen years of age. He was born at Beaver Falls, Pa., in 1859, and is a son of Hugh and Sarah J. (Boyles) White. They also were natives of Pennsylvania and the father died in that state some years ago. For a considerable period he had been superintendent of a steel company and was widely known. His widow resides at Cleveland, Ohio.

David H. White is the eldest of a family of seven children born to his parents, all of these surviving. He entered one of the first flour mills built at Beaver Falls, as an apprentice, when he was merely a boy, learned the business and has devoted himself to it all his life. Since he has been a resident of Bucyrus he has made his influence felt as a worthy and dependable citizen, and served through three terms as a member of the city council, elected on the Democratic ticket. Mr. White was married at Bucyrus to Miss Anna M. Zigler, a daughter of G. K. Zigler. She is a member of the Lutheran church. Mr. White is a member of several fraternal organizations and is prominent in Masonry, belonging to the Consistory at Toledo and the Shrine at Cleveland. He is also a director in the Second National Bank.

HON. THOMAS BEER—distinguished along many lines, the late Judge Thomas Beer will long be recalled as one of Crawford county's eminent citizens. He came of an ancestry notable for its achievements, but his fame rests sufficiently upon what he accomplished himself, his indebtedness to his forebears, however, always having been a matter of pride to him. They were soldiers and patriots, missionaries and scholars—men of courage and women of beauty and refinement

—and heredity was clearly shown in the character of their descendant.

Thomas Beer was born September 7, 1832, the third of a family of thirteen children, two of whom died in infancy. His parents were Rev. Thomas Beer, D. D., and his wife, Margaret (Cameron) Beer.

The earliest paternal ancestor on record was William Beer, and the line of descent was through Thomas and Adeline (Aten) Beer, and through Thomas and Margaret (Cameron) Beer.

William Beer was born in Londonderry, Ireland, in 1717 and emigrated to America in 1764, accompanied by his son, Thomas, and they settled in Northampton county, Pa.

Thomas Beer, son of William, was young when his father came with him from Ireland and probably was still a youth when he first enlisted, at the beginning of the Revolutionary War, in Col. Stroud's regiment, serving further under five enlistments. When wounded at the battle of Trenton, he was taken to the home of Lieut. Richard Aten (Auten), and was nursed back to health by the young daughter, Adeline Aten, whom he subsequently married. Lieut. Aten was a member of Capt. Riddle's company, 2nd regiment of the Sussex militia, N. J. He was a son of Adrian and Jacobje, or Jemima (Middagh) Aten, the former of whom died at Readington, N. J., in 1758. The Atens and Middaghs emigrated to America from near Amsterdam and Leyden, Holland, settling first, between 1660 and 1680, near Flatbush, L. I., but later both families moved to Somerset county, N. J. Lieut. Aten finally settled in Northampton county, Pa., six miles north of Belvidere, N. J., where he established a ferry which was known as Aten's Ferry for more than 120 years.

Thomas Beer, son of Thomas and Adeline (Aten) Beer, was born in Northampton county, Pa., March 22, 1801, and in 1827 was graduated from the Western University of Pennsylvania. In the same year he entered the Western Theological seminary, which had just been established at Allegheny, Pa., and in 1829 was licensed to preach, being graduated from the seminary in the following year. He was sent first as a missionary to Virginia and later to Ohio and after some time passed

in Wayne township, Wayne county, he returned to Mt. Hope. His parishoners came for miles to the Mt. Hope church, which held about 1,000 persons. This church was erected under his pastorate. During this period he also served as pastor to the Presbyterian churches at Congress and West Salem. He held these charges over a quarter of a century. His latter years were passed at Ashland, O., his death occurring October 7, 1886. He had been honored with the degree of D. D.

On October 9, 1828, he was married to Margaret Cameron, a daughter of John and Mary (Symmes) Cameron. John Cameron, a member of Clan Cameron, was born in Inverness, Scotland, and served as a soldier in the British army. In 1804 he emigrated to America and settled at Pittsburgh, Pa., where he married the daughter of a Revolutionary patriot, who lost his life at the storming of Quebec. Margaret (Cameron) Beer was born March 7, 1809, and lived until March 27, 1880. She was a remarkable woman in many ways, an example of wifely devotion and maternal solicitude.

Thomas Beer, bearing the favorite family name, when very young, displayed an interest in learning, insisting on accompanying his older brothers and sisters to the near-by school. His opportunities were meager but he evidently made the most of them, as he was accepted as a teacher when he was only sixteen years of age, the salary of \$12 per month being carefully saved to assist in paying his way when he entered Vermillion Institute, at Hayesville, O., of which his father was one of the trustees. He early felt a predilection for the law, and during 1851-2 he devoted himself to the study of his profession, in the office of John C. Tidball, at Coshocton, O., and also taught special pupils. His means not being adequate, however, to cover his expenses while devoting his entire time to the study of law, he looked about for some method of self support and in 1853 became a railway telegraph operator at Alliance, so continuing until 1858. In the latter part of 1853 he was appointed postmaster at Alliance and attended to his official duties until 1858, in connection with the rather trying ones of his profession, and then became editor and publisher of the Stark County Democrat. After two years of newspaper

work, he had made the property so desirable that he was able to dispose of it at a very good figure, after which he came to Bucyrus and resumed journalistic work, becoming editor of the Crawford County Forum and thus continued until 1862.

In the meanwhile he had never lost sight of his original ambition and in the above year was admitted to the bar and immediately entered into practice. From 1864 until 1868 he served in the state legislature, where he displayed qualities of a patriotic statesman and eloquent orator, and in 1873-4 was a member of the constitutional convention, secretary of its judicial committee and otherwise prominent in its deliberations. In August, 1874, Governor Allen appointed him judge of the court of common pleas, a position he filled until 1885, with signal distinction, after which, until 1893, he served on the circuit bench, retiring then from public life and devoting his attention exclusively to his private practice. He was engaged as counsel in a number of important cases, in which the emoluments were large and the outcome for his clients eminently successful. All his life he was a democrat, one of the old school, whose principles could never be changed or his views on public questions swayed by money or influence. On many occasions he was tendered offices of the greatest honor and responsibility, being twice nominated for supreme judge, while he twice declined the nomination by his party for governor of Ohio. He had the eloquent tongue of an orator and his political, professional and judicial addresses were gems of learning illuminated by flashes of wit and humor. He was an honored member of the Ohio State Bar Association and his last public address, "Coke Literature," was delivered before this body, on July 7, 1909.

Judge Beer was a man of versatile gifts and many accomplishments. Had opportunities been afforded him he would have been able to make a name for himself in music, and, without any particular instruction, was a fine performer on the flute, violin and piano, and the writing and composing of a music score seemed as easy to him as the settling of a legal point. He was an artist, also, and had a natural talent for friendly caricature, one often exercised for the amusement of his friends.

His memory was remarkable, and was also a natural gift, for no training could ever have brought it to the perfect state which enabled him to recall, at an instant's notice, pages of law books, technical points needed in prosecuting or expounding some obscure law problems and precedents on every subject. Having once read certain data in relation to his profession, even after the lapse of years, he could remember facts, book and page. It was sometimes said of him that he absorbed libraries, so learned was he and so entirely accurate in all his knowledge. Poetry always appealed to him and often, in his quiet moments, he relaxed his mind by repeating choice selections that had taken his fancy as he read them, and were never forgotten. As may be imagined, these various gifts made him an invaluable member of the different organizations in which he took an interest. He was a member of the Society of Natural History, was a mason, and belonged for many years to the State Historical Society. Perhaps, outside of a public institution, there is no finer collection of engravings, prints and books than belonged to Judge Beer. For many years he was interested in collecting autographs and many important ones are the names of his friends and contemporaries, while there are many others, including one of King George III, most of Lord Chancellors of England and many English and American authors. He was a great lover of nature and his avocation was farming to which he turned for relaxation and rest from his legal duties.

In Ashland county, O., April 23, 1856, Thomas Beer was married to Tabitha Mary Dinsmore. She was a friend of his childhood and one of his classmates at Vermillion Institute. She also attended the seminary at Hudson, O., and taught school several years. Her father, James Alexander Dinsmore, was a veteran of the war of 1812, and was a retired civil engineer, who came to Ohio in 1833 and lived afterward on his farm in Ashland county, O. To Judge and Mrs. Beer nine children were born, seven of whom are living, namely: James Dinsmore, who is a practicing physician of Wooster, O., married Jean Lyle Thioburn, and they reside in Ashland county, O.

James Alexander Dinsmore's earliest paternal progenitor was Laird Dinsmoor, born

about 1600, who lived on his estate at Achenmead, Scotland, on the Tweed. His son, John (1650), rebelling at being compelled to hold the stirrup of his eldest brother's saddle when the latter mounted his horse, ran away from home in 1667 and settled in Ballywattick, county Antrim, Ireland. His grandson, Andrew (born at Ballywattick, Ireland, 1753), emigrated to America, 1771-72, was a soldier in the Revolution, settled at Peach Bottom, York county, Pa., where he married Catherine, daughter of James Alexander, a Revolutionary patriot. Their eldest son, James Alexander Dinsmore, was born at Peach Bottom, Pa., March 20, 1788. He was one of the defenders of Ft. McHenry at Baltimore. In 1814 he came to Ohio and entered a half section of land in Jackson township, Ashland county, O. He then returned to Pennsylvania, where he resided on a farm near his father's until 1833, when he and his family, consisting of his wife and four children, of which Mrs. Beer was one, journeyed by wagon over the mountains and through the wilderness to Mr. Dinsmore's farm in Ashland county. He died here January 7, 1863.

He was married March 14, 1826, to Grizzell, daughter of David and Dorcas (Neel) Collins of Chanceford, York county, Pa. David Collins' father, Cornelius, with his wife and several children, emigrated from Ireland and took up land in Colerain and Drumore townships, Lancaster county, Pa., where he lived as a farmer until his death. He was a member of the Associate Reformed church. His son, David (born 1768, died March 28, 1828), farmed his property of 160 acres at Chanceford, York county, Pa. His wife, Dorcas Neel, was a daughter of Lieut. Thomas Neel (born March 25, 1744, died April 5, 1824), a gallant Revolutionary officer, who owned a large estate with fishery and mill on the Susquehanna, near Christiana, Lancaster county, Pa. The mother of Dorcas Neel was Grizzell Penny, born Dec. 1, 1753, who died Sept. 1, 1833. They were married Dec. 1, 1770.

To Judge and Mrs. Beer nine children were born, seven of whom are living, namely: James Dinsmore, who is a practicing physician of Wooster, Ohio, and who married Jean Lyle Thoburn and has four surviving children—

Mary Margaret, Thomas, Jean Lyle and Dorcas Katherine; Thomas Cameron, who is a resident of Bucyrus; William Collins, who is engaged in the practice of law in New York city, married Martha Ann Baldwin, and has three children—Alice Baldwin, Thomas and Richard Cameron; Dorcas Grizzell, who has been engaged in educational work for a number of years; Katherine Jeannett, who resides with her mother; Robert Lea, who is assistant postmaster at Yonkers, N. Y., married Mary Goodrich Fitch and has one daughter, Mary; and Mary Elizabeth, who is widely known as a grand opera singer, and made her debut and appeared several seasons in grand opera at Rome, Italy, as a member of the National Opera company.

FRANK J. SNYDER, proprietor of a first class grocery store, located at No. 108 West Main Street, Galion, O., is one of the representative business men of this city and is serving in the office of clerk of the Board of County Elections. Mr. Snyder was born in Morrow county, O., June 26, 1861, and is a son of George Snyder, who came to Galion with his family about 1865.

Frank Snyder has been a resident of Galion since childhood. He was educated here and graduated from the Galion high school in the class of 1878, immediately afterward becoming associated with his father in the grocery business. This store was established by George Snyder in September, 1865, and has ever since been continued by the Snyders. The location is excellent and the building, 25x57 feet in dimensions, affords sufficient space. First quality goods are carried, honest methods of business prevail and this is known to be a reliable and dependable business house. For the past twenty years it has been under the direct management of Frank Snyder. He has other city realty, including a handsome residence on the corner of West Main and Orange streets.

Mr. Snyder was married at Galion, O., to Miss Nina Wineland, who was born at Upper Sandusky, O., but was reared and educated at Galion, being a graduate of the Galion high school in the class of 1880. Mr. and Mrs. Snyder have two children—Norma and Maude. These young ladies are high school graduates and are numbered with the younger

social set in the neighborhood in which they have grown up. The family belongs to the Methodist Episcopal church. In politics Mr. Snyder is a republican and is an active and upright citizen. He served two years as a member of the city council, seven years on the county board of elections. For twenty years Mr. Snyder has been one of the directors of the Galion Building & Loan Association and was one of its organizers. He is identified with the Masonic fraternity.

J. FOSTER HUBLEY, proprietor of the Hubley confectionery store and ice cream parlors, at No. 110 East Main street, Galion, O., is one of the prosperous business men of this city, which is his native place. Mr. Hubley was born April 29, 1873, and is a son of George and Hannah C. (Pague) Hubley.

The parents of Mr. Hubley were born at Shippensburg, Pa.—the father, August 27, 1830—their parents being of German extraction. In 1854 George Hubley and wife came to Galion, O., where Mr. Hubley went to work for the Big Four Railway company. His work caused his home to be in other parts of the country at times and he was in Pennsylvania when the Civil war broke out and for several years was connected with the quartermaster's department, with headquarters at Chambersburg, Pa. In 1870 he returned to Galion, where he still resides and where his wife died in the fall of 1906, having lived to celebrate her golden wedding anniversary. She was a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal church, to which Mr. Hubley also belongs. He is a democrat in his political opinions. Of his family of eight sons and two daughters, six sons and one daughter survive, all being married and having families of their own.

J. Foster Hubley obtained his education in the Galion schools and then learned the candy making trade, beginning in an establishment that occupied the site of his present fine store. He is a practical confectioner and has been in the business for twenty-nine years, serving under different proprietors. The stand at No. 110 East Main street is the oldest confectionery stand in the city and Mr. Hubley has been proprietor of the business for the past five years. His building has dimensions of 18x160 feet and built to accommodate 100 guests at

one time in his ice cream parlor. His equipments are modern in every particular and in the manufacture of his dainties and sweetmeats every sanitary precaution is used. He enjoys a large patronage and is regarded as one of the honorable business men of his city.

Mr. Hubley was married at Galion, O., to Miss Luella May Kunkler, who was born at Wadsworth, O., but has been a resident of Galion since childhood. They have two children: Lorimer, who is his father's assistant, and Lois, who still attends school. Mr. and Mrs. Hubley are members of the Baptist church. Politically he is a democrat and fraternally a Mason, and both he and wife belong to the Eastern Star.

CLARENCE E. GREENICK, general farmer and dairyman, residing one and one-half miles from the public square, Bucyrus, O., owns a farm of eighty acres situated in Whetstone township and another of twenty acres, in Bucyrus township, and is one of the substantial and prosperous citizens of Crawford county. He was born in Holmes township, Crawford county, O., Sept. 15, 1862, and is a son of Jacob L. and Louisa (Lichtenwalter) Greenick.

Jacob L. Greenick was born in Germany, a son of Jacob Greenick. In his early manhood he worked as a machinist and operated a stationary engine but later became a farmer and at the time of death owned the home farm of his son, Clarence E., who later purchased it. Both he and wife died at Bucyrus. She was of German parentage, a daughter of John Lichtenwalter, but was born in Ohio. Three children were born to them, one of whom died in infancy and another when aged five years, Clarence E. being the only survivor. The parents were members of the Lutheran church.

Clarence E. Greenick attended the public schools and was about sixteen years old when his parents moved on his present farm on which he has lived ever since. While he carries on general farming with much success, his main interest is dairying and he owns a valuable herd of twenty-five Holstein cows. Bucyrus draws from his dairy sixty gallons of milk daily.

On Oct. 29, 1885, Mr. Greenick was married to Miss Emma Padgett, a daughter of

Stewart and Mary Jane (Lones) Padgett. The father of Mrs. Greenick was born in Indiana and the mother in Ohio and both are now deceased, the burial of the father being in his native state and that of the mother in Seneca county, O. After the death of her first husband, Mrs. Padgett married George Schaffner. All her children were born to her first union: Josephine, who married Dennis Mulligan; Margaret, who married Joshua Lichtenwalter; Emma; and George L. and Robert C.

To Mr. and Mrs. Greenick the following children were born: Nina L., who married Harry Ryland and has two children—Edith and Virginia; Jessie Marie, who died in infancy; and Arthur Raymond, Harold Preston, Josephine June, Grace Hildred and Clarence Edwin. Mr. Greenick and family attend the Methodist Episcopal church. In politics he is a democrat as was his father.

GEORGE W. HOOVER, a representative citizen of Bucyrus, O., a retired farmer who has resided in this city for some seven years and is well known in many circles, is a member of one of the old families of Ohio, the name being connected with pioneer settlement. He was born in Dallas township, Crawford county, O., and is a son of William and Phebe (Swisher) Hoover, a grandson of Christopher and a great-grandson of George Hoover.

George Hoover was probably of German ancestry but he was born in Virginia and from there came to the Western Reserve and secured government land in what is now Pickaway county, prior to 1803, when the territory became a state. Christopher Hoover was born about 1785 and grew to manhood on his father's farm in Pickaway county. His first wife died there and he married a second and with his family moved to Crawford county and, like his father, secured government land. He became a successful farmer and accumulated property and felt justified in retiring from active life, moving then to Sandusky in the early fifties. They succumbed to cholera in the prevailing epidemic and both died on the same day. By his first marriage, Christopher Hoover had two children, William and Hannah. The latter married Wesley White and they lived and died in Dallas township and three of their children survive.

William Hoover was reared in Dallas township and naturally became a farmer. He continued to farm and raise stock until 1866, when he came to Bucyrus, where subsequently he went into business as a member of the firm of Fry, Sheckley & Hoover, which was merged into the large enterprise now known as the American Clay Machinery Company, in which he was a large stockholder. His death occurred in June, 1897, when he was eighty-one years. He was married in Franklin county, O., to Phebe Swisher, who died at Bucyrus on May 9, 1911, having passed her ninety-fourth birthday. She and husband were members of the English Lutheran church. Of their ten children eight survive, three of whom live in Crawford county and two in the city of Bucyrus—George W. and Mrs. Thomas Jessem.

George W. Hoover was the fourth born child in his parents' family and the third son. His birth took place on the old homestead on January 27, 1847. He attended school in Dallas township and later at Bucyrus, after which he engaged actively in agricultural pursuits until 1903, when he retired and established his home at Bucyrus. He still owns his excellent farm in Bucyrus township but no longer operates it. Mr. Hoover, like his late father, is a staunch republican but he has never been willing to accept public office. He has never married.

GODFREY LEUTHOLD, a well known attorney at law at Bucyrus, O., was born in Daerstetten township, Simmenthal valley, Canton Bern, Switzerland, which was the scene of the early history of the Leuthold family, a country held in affectionate remembrance by those who have, nevertheless, found happy homes in other lands. The father of Mr. Leuthold was Christian Leuthold, who was the only son of Christian Leuthold, the latter of whom spent his life in Canton Bern, his ancestors coming from Southern France.

The Leuthold family was an old and vigorous one, but Grandfather Leuthold died when comparatively young and left but one son, but his early death reflected credit upon him in that he contracted scarlet fever, from which he died, while ministering to a stricken neighbor. His widow subsequently married again but had no issue to the second marriage. She be-

longed to the royal family of Von Bergen and all her life was noted for her high bred qualities, her charities and many virtues.

Christian Leuthold, Jr., the only son, was born in 1842 and grew to manhood in his native place and there married Katherine Knoti, who came from one of the most industrious and wealthiest families of her township. Her father, Gottlieb Knoti was accidentally killed by a fall over a precipice in the mountains. The mother, of a healthy constitution, married again and with her second husband, emigrated to the United States and died at the age of 84 years in the state of New York. After the birth of their nine children, Christian Leuthold and wife decided to leave Switzerland and seek better fortune across the ocean than they were sure of, with so large a family, in the more constricted regions of their native land. At Havre, France, they took passage on the emigrant ship, America, and with great hopes set sail for New York, where, after a long voyage, they were safely landed arriving at said city in the month of April in the year 1884. From there they made their way to Upper Sandusky, Ohio, the place of their destination. Here the family was warmly received by David Geiger, a brother-in-law of Christian Leuthold.

The first year the family lived in a cottage one mile east of Upper Sandusky, all the members working industriously in order to add to the capital of \$300.00 which they brought from Switzerland. Godfrey Leuthold then being but eleven years old, like four of his brothers was compelled to work for other people. The second year they rented a small farm four miles east of Upper Sandusky; here they resided for three years. The boys continued to work during the summer months for other people, mostly for farmers in Crawford county.

In the year 1888 the family came to Crawford county. For five years they lived on a large farm which they rented south of Bucyrus. During the first years they met with difficulties and failures and the boys were often compelled to bear great hardships. But at the end of the five years the family was able to buy a good farm of 80 acres two miles north of Bucyrus. Here the father died February 15, 1906. The mother then moved to Bucyrus

into a handsome new house provided for by her sons. Here she still resides, living with her daughter Louisa a retired life.

Godfrey Leuthold is one of the younger sons in the above family. He was permitted to attend the township public schools during the winter months till he was 16 years old. Then, though having a passion to devote himself to study, he was compelled to help work and manage a farm till he was 21 years of age. This was a strenuous life, which deprived him of the pleasures of youth and compelled him to cope with great difficulties, due to the fact that the family was then heavily involved in debt. On one Friday, September 15th, he was of age and left home under most discouraging circumstances. Having worked bitterly hard for his father, he was obliged to leave home with nothing else but the clothes he wore while working at home. But he left with a determination to work and save his money. The first three months he worked for farmers, cutting and husking corn; thus he earned his first money, every dollar of which he saved. When winter set in he determined to work for his board and then attended the public schools in Liberty township, in order to get a better education, which he was deprived of while working for his father. The next spring he was licensed to teach school without ever having attended a high school. The following winter he taught school and worked on the farm in the summer, aiming to save all the money possible in order to prepare himself financially to attend a college.

In the fall of the year 1898 we find him attending the college at Berea, Ohio, a Methodist school. He was graduated in the classical course and received the degree of B. A. in June of the year 1903. The year preceding he was chosen by the Goethe society of which he was a member to deliver the valedictorian address.

It was during the difficult struggles while working for his father that he first realized the usefulness and power of the knowledge of the law. So after being graduated at the college at Berea, he at once took up the study of law and completed a course in this science at the Ohio Northern University at Ada, Ohio, and was graduated at this school in the fall of the year 1904, receiving the degree of B. L. In

December of the same year he was admitted to the Ohio bar and has ever since been in the active practice of law at Bucyrus, Ohio.

In June of the year 1907 the college at Berea conferred upon him the degree of M. A., he having first fully complied with all requirements for this honor.

Mr. Leuthold always took an active part in the politics of the republican party which in his county, at present is in the minority. With an aim to do justice to all and with malice toward none his judgment and principles are respected by men of both parties, his character being clean, his influence uplifting. He was reared in the Methodist church of which he has been a faithful member.

To consider the career of Mr. Leuthold in all its bearings, it is indeed inspiring, his success demonstrating what can be accomplished through persistent effort and in the face of difficulties and discouraging circumstances.

MICHAEL A. RICKSECKER, who now lives retired at Galion, O., after many years of honorable connection with the great Erie Railroad system as locomotive engineer, was born October 19, 1839, in Springfield township, Richland county, O., and is a son of Greenberry and Elenora (Firestine) Ricksecker.

Greenberry Ricksecker and wife were born at Hagerstown, Md., where they married and after two children had been born to them—Mary A. and Charles A.—they started for a new home in Ohio. This was in 1835 and they came overland to Springfield township, Richland county, and located on land which was wild at the time, but which they developed into an excellent farm. The old log house which served as their first home is still one of the landmarks of that section. Greenberry Ricksecker was a whig in early political life but later became a republican and, notwithstanding his southern birth, was an anti-slavery man. An underground railroad station, the name given to sheltering places for escaping slaves prior to the Civil war, was situated in the home of a neighbor, John C. Finney, and as Mr. Ricksecker was in sympathy with the movement, he often helped negroes on their way to the Canadian border, where they were safe from pursuit. Another neighbor who of-

fered a place of concealment to escaping slaves was Joseph Roe and through the efforts of these philanthropic men, many men, women and children escaped from slavery. In many ways Greenberry Ricksecker was an admirable man and he was esteemed and respected in his community, where he lived to be seventy-three years of age, his wife passing away when aged sixty-one years. They were members of the Methodist Episcopal church. After reaching Richland county, two more children were born to them—Michael A. and Helen. All the children married and reared children of their own and became respected and useful members of society.

Michael A. Ricksecker is the only survivor of his parents' family. He attended school in Springfield township and helped his father, after school, on the farm and also in his carpenter shop and frequently assisted in the erection of log houses for other settlers. He thus gained a practical knowledge of carpentering while quite young. By the time he was fourteen years of age he was anxious to provide for himself and soon found a place where he could work for his board and receive \$4 a month. When sixteen years of age he worked at cutting cord wood for forty cents a cord and also split rails, as did Abraham Lincoln in early manhood, and while keeping busy and contented in this way he also kept on assisting his father as a carpenter.

On April 21, 1861, Mr. Ricksecker responded to the call of President Lincoln for 75,000 men and entered Co. H, 15th O. Vol. Inf., under Capt. Hiram Miller and Col. Moses R. Dickey, and served through a first enlistment of three months. On December 11, 1861, he re-enlisted for three years in the First Ohio Independent Battery, Light Artillery, under command of Capt. McMullen, and was honorably discharged December 13, 1864. During the larger part of the time he served in West Virginia with the Army of the Potomac, taking part in such hard fought battles as South Mountain, Frederick city and Antietam. Ever at the post of duty, Mr. Ricksecker made a record as a brave and efficient soldier, and having faced the many hazards of war without being wounded, returned safely to his home.

He then turned his attention to railroading

and entered the service of the Atlantic & Great Western Railway Company (now known as the Erie Railroad) in the capacity of brakeman, at a time when the company sent out only one train a day, this being in March, 1865. In April following he made the trip on the first through freight train that left Galion, and in July of the same year was promoted and became fireman. Until January, 1868, he was engaged in freight and passenger transportation and then was promoted and made engineer and operated both through and local freight trains until June, 1880, and from that time until October 23, 1910, when he was retired on the age limit, his place was in the cab of the passenger train on the Cincinnati division, east. Mr. Ricksecker is still retained by the company, which knows how to recognize efficient service, and fills the position of assistant train dispatcher, his duties making no heavy demand on his health.

On June 17, 1869, at Ontario, O., Mr. Ricksecker was married to Miss Mary A. Rater, who was born in Germany and was three years old when her parents brought her to Richland county, O. She was born April 3, 1844, and died June 10, 1906. Mr. and Mrs. Ricksecker had no children of their own, but they adopted a little seven-year old maiden, Elizabeth Keiser, who was born at Mansfield, O. She has been a real daughter to them and her foster parents have had reason to take much pride in her as a sweet and amiable member of the household, as a good student, being a graduate of the Galion high school, and as a singer in the choir and teacher in the sabbath school of the Methodist Episcopal church, of which religious denomination Mr. and Mrs. Ricksecker were long very active members.

In politics Mr. Ricksecker is a decided republican but has never had the politician's desire for public office. He is yet, as always, interested in the progress and development of the city's various interests, where he has investments and almost lifelong friends. He has been very active in Dick Morris Post, G. A. R., No. 130, of which he is the present commander—a dignity well deserved—and on several occasions he has attended encampments held in other and distant cities. For many years he has been identified with the

Masonic fraternity, uniting with the order in young manhood and belongs to Galion Lodge, No. 414, F. & A. M.; to the Chapter No. 142, at Galion, and to the Council, at Bucyrus. Mr. Ricksecker belongs also to another organization, one that is known all over the United States and numbers thousands of trained and experienced men in its ranks—the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers—he being connected with Division No. 16. For forty years he has preserved his membership in this representative industrial body and in recognition of this, at the termination of the above period, he received a handsome gold badge, suitably inscribed, which, it is needless to say he values highly. Mr. Ricksecker is a valued member of the Richland County Historical Society and his reminiscences of former events have contributed to the interest of its published reports on many occasions.

MRS. SARAH A. DICE, a highly respected and well known business woman of Galion, O., who, for twenty years has successfully conducted a millinery business here, was born in Crawford county, O., near Galion and is a daughter of Isaac and Susan (Smith) Garberich.

The parents of Mrs. Dice were of German ancestry, but were born in Pennsylvania and both accompanied their parents when young, to Crawford county. The father of Mrs. Dice engaged in farming in Polk township for many years and died there in 1897, when aged 61 years. The mother of Mrs. Dice still survives and lives on the old homestead, hale and hearty, despite her 83 years. Isaac Garberich was a strong Republican. He was a man of sterling character, honest and upright, and was a leading member of the Methodist Episcopal church, to which his widow also belongs. Mrs. Dice is one of a family of nine children born to her parents, three sons and six daughters, all of whom survive.

After creditably completing the public school course, Mrs. Dice learned the millinery business, for which she had a natural aptitude and has been in business for the past 26 years and for twenty years has been at her present location, where she erected her building. She carries the finest line of

millinery and millinery goods to be found at Galion and caters to a very exclusive trade. Her display of tasteful and attractive millinery would do credit to any large city, while her long experience and natural artistic talent in the blending of colors and materials and in adapting them to the lines of head, face and figure are so well known and appreciated that her taste and judgment are depended upon by a very particular class of purchasers. Too much credit cannot be given to Mrs. Dice for her energy and enterprise in building up and enlarging this business enterprise and her unusual success reflects the high opinion in which she is held by those who have known her from childhood. Mrs. Dice has two children: Clare D., a resident of Galion, a machinist by trade; and Gladys C., who is the wife of John Scott Boyd, who is superintendent of the Galion Iron Works Company. Mrs. Dice and daughter are members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

REV. THOMAS J. SHEPPARD, well known among Civil War veterans as the "Andersonville Chaplain," was born at Zanesville, O., June 22, 1834, being a son of Thomas and Elizabeth (LeHue) Sheppard. He was of Puritan and Huguenot stock, his grandfather, Joseph Sheppard, having been born at Attleboro, England. The family came to the United States in 1811, landing at Boston. On his mother's side the LeHue family came from France, and were Huguenots, one of the founders of the American branch coming to America with Marquis de Lafayette as a volunteer in the American Revolution. Others of the LeHue family were already settled in Winchester, Frederick county, Va. Thomas J. Sheppard, the subject of this sketch, was practically born into the Baptist church. His grandfather, Rev. Thomas Sheppard, was a leader in the denomination at Zanesville and on the formation of the Market Street Baptist Church, of Zanesville, in 1825, his parents united there. Thomas J. Sheppard spent his early life in Zanesville. His parents both died there in 1853, his mother's death occurring in July and his father's in Novem-

ber. He after that lived with his sister Elizabeth, the wife of Capt. John Thompson, north of Dresden. He spent six years in the drug store of Capt. Thompson and attended West Bedford Academy, where he met Miss Margaret Collins of Moundsville, W. Va., who became his wife June 1, 1859, the wedding being at the Collins family home, the residence of William Collins at High Oaks on the hills overlooking Moundsville. After marriage he took up the reading of law at Zanesville and his interest in church work started at that time. At the close of a revival service in 1854 he was licensed to preach and thereafter continued to conduct religious services regularly for 54 years. On Aug. 11, 1862, he enlisted as a member of Co. E, 97th O. Vol. Inf. under Capt. Eagan, being appointed fifth sergeant. He was in eleven important engagements including Murfreesboro, Missionary Ridge and Stone River. He was captured June 27, 1864, during a night skirmish before the battle of Kenesaw Mountain, while on picket duty. He was sent to Andersonville where he was confined almost eleven months. While in prison here he conducted religious services and became known as the "Andersonville Chaplain," a term of endearment applied to him by men he helped there. His naturally sunny disposition and firm religious conviction gave him power to do good among the discouraged prisoners. At the close of their term in prison a testimonial was prepared and signed by 155 prisoners commending his work and recommending him for appointment as a regular army chaplain. This testimonial he has prized highly, but did not desire to take up the work of an army chaplain, feeling he could do more good as a minister, pastor of a church. Mr. Sheppard was mustered out of the service at Camp Chase, June 15, 1865. He was associated with the United States Christian Commission after the war and took up his higher education at Denison University, Granville, Ohio, where he was graduated with the class of 1870. His first pastorate was at Kirkersville, Ohio, from 1865 to 1869. He held pastorates in Ohio at West Jefferson



WILLIAM BENDER

and Lisbon, Clyde and Sidney, and was special agent for Denison University from 1876 to 1884. He became pastor of the Baptist church at Bucyrus, Ohio, in 1884, where he remained until 1889, when he went to Kenton as pastor and where he built a new church. In 1892 he was appointed chaplain of the Ohio State Soldiers' Home at Sandusky, and from there went to Grass Lake, Michigan, but in 1899 he retired from active work and located at Granville, where the family lived until the death of Mrs. Sheppard, July 3, 1911, since which time he has lived with his daughter, Mrs. James R. Hopley at Bucyrus. His son, Thomas Hamilton Sheppard, died at Los Angeles, Calif., April 3, 1911. His son, William Collins Sheppard, is a resident of Grand Rapids, Michigan, and his daughter, Mrs. James R. Hopley, lives at Bucyrus. Many years ago the Ohio association of Ex-Prisoners of War elected him chaplain-for-life and it was while a resident of Bucyrus in 1887 that Keller Post advocated his selection as chaplain of the Ohio association of the G. A. R., a place he filled with honor.

Rev. Mr. Sheppard has done much literary work, mostly of a religious and patriotic nature. He has written a number of poems, some of which have been set to music. His lecture on "Battle Fields and Prison Pens" has been heard in many towns and cities of the country. It was in introducing Mr. Sheppard to an audience at Lansing, Michigan, that the late Governor Pingree, a prison-mate at Andersonville, alluded to him as "the man who preached to me in Hell."

WILLIAM BENDER, who is a retired farmer and one of the highly respected citizens of Tiro, O., occupies his comfortable home on North Main Street but still retains his farm of 180 acres, situated in Auburn township, Crawford county. He was born in Richland county, O., March 26, 1850, and is a son of Jacob and Catherine (Hoffman) Bender.

Jacob Bender was born near Heidelberg, Germany, Oct. 5, 1816, where he was reared to manhood and in 1840 married Catherine

Hoffman, who was born also in Germany, Aug. 13, 1816. In the year of their marriage they emigrated to America, and on reaching the United States settled in Richland county, O. He purchased 40 acres of land near Shelby, to which he later added 20 more acres, and after clearing and developing both tracts, purchased a farm of 160 acres, four miles south of Shelby. In 1862 they came to Crawford county and purchased 200 acres of land from George Cummings. He was a large landowner also in other states, having 300 acres in Iowa and 300 acres in Michigan. His death occurred Sept. 26, 1897, when he was aged 80 years. His wife died Jan. 15, 1885. They were members of the Lutheran church, in America, but he had been reared a Catholic and she in the Reformed church. They were good, Christian people in each organization. To them the following children were born: Jacob, Henry, Charles, Christina, Anthony, William, Catherine, who died Aug. 31, 1886; Lizzie, John Phillip, and one that died in infancy.

William Bender was his father's helper on the home farm until he reached the age of 21 years. After marriage he located on 80 acres of his present farm, then the property of his father-in-law, and while renting the same for 11 years, was an extensive stock dealer. In 1882 he purchased a tract of 104 acres adjoining on the east and in 1885 bought his present homestead and now has land in both Auburn and Vernon townships. He improved his farm properties, erecting a handsome residence in 1889 and a substantial barn in 1890 and resided there until he retired to Tiro. He is interested in the Seamless Tube Mills at Shelby, O.

On Sept. 3, 1873, Mr. Bender was married to Miss Cornelia Sawyer, a daughter of Albanus Sawyer. Albanus Sawyer was a native of this county while his wife was born in Pennsylvania. They had the following children besides Mrs. Bender: Asa, Rule, Royal E., John E., Erastus, deceased, Clara, deceased, Anna and Lottie. Mr. and Mrs. Bender have three children: Rilla May, wife of John W. Hutt, of Richland county, O.; and Minnie Luella, wife of Walter Ervin; and Ruth Ione. While Mr. Bender has never been very active in politics, he has always exerted

his influence in support of movements that have made this section law abiding and a desirable place in which to live. Mr. Bender is a member of the Knights of Pythias at Tiro. He served as supervisor for 25 years. The family attends the Lutheran church and Mr. Bender has been a liberal contributor to the building of the church and to its support.

JOHN S. MURPHY, a representative farmer of Dallas township, who is the owner of 80 acres of land, was born in Springfield, Fayette county, Pa., June 23, 1860, but came to Crawford county in 1866. His parents, William H. and Elizabeth (King) Murphy, were natives of Fayette county, Pa.

William H. Murphy was a blacksmith by trade but in later years devoted his attention to farming. He was a Democrat in politics and he and his wife belonged to the U. B. church. They made their home with their son, John S. Murphy, for ten years previous to their decease. William H. Murphy lies buried in Nevada, Ohio, and his wife in Scotsdale, Pa. They were the parents of the following children: John S., whose name heads this sketch; Mary, the wife of Zeph. Chance; Frederick, deceased; and Lula, the wife of Arizona Carmean.

John S. Murphy received a common school education in the schools of Crawford county and at the age of 19 years began to learn the carpenter's trade and followed that occupation for 21 years. He still does some of this work, having quite recently built for White Brothers what is the largest barn in this county. Mr. Murphy's main interests, however, lie in his farming, and he has met with success in his endeavors in this line. Besides his general farming he raises some stock, but only enough for his own use. In 1900 when Mr. Murphy bought his farm it was covered with woods and swamp and he has cleared all the land and has also built his house and barn.

In 1885, Mr. Murphy was united in marriage with Miss Lucinda Heinlen. She is the daughter of Mathias and Elizabeth (Bickel) Heinlen, who were very early settlers in Crawford county, but who were natives of Germany. Their children were,

namely: Elizabeth, the wife of A. E. Bollinger; John; Samuel; Lena, the wife of Byron Kent; Frank D.; Matilda, the wife of James Johnston; Mathias; and Lucinda, the wife of the subject of this article. To Mr. and Mrs. John S. Murphy have been born children who were named as follows: Elizabeth (Mrs. D. C. Lust); Charles; Dora, deceased; Lloyd, who met his death from the kick of a horse; Frank, deceased; Cooler; Lula, deceased; Roy, John, Thomas and Stella.

Mr. Murphy is a Democrat in politics. He and his family attend the U. B. Church. He belongs to the F. & A. M. at Nevada, Ohio.

CHARLES A. GUISS, civil engineer at Bucyrus, O., and formerly county surveyor of Crawford county, is numbered with the reliable men of his profession in this section and has satisfactorily completed every contract he has undertaken. He was born at Sulphur Springs, Crawford county, O., Aug. 24, 1878, and was two years old when his parents moved to Chatfield township, where he was reared. He is a son of John and Susan (Fry) Guiss, who are highly respected retired residents of New Washington.

The Guiss family is of German ancestry and it was founded in Ohio by the grandfather, Abraham Guiss, who came to Crawford county prior to 1838 and secured a large tract of land from the Government in Cranberry township. As soon as he had secured a home here he sent for his family and it is said that his wife drove with children and household goods, an ox-team, the entire distance from Columbia county, Pa., to Crawford county, O. She was a typical pioneer woman, strong and resourceful, and outlived her husband, dying at New Washington in extreme old age. They were members of the German Lutheran church.

John Guiss, father of Charles A., was born in Cranberry township, Crawford county, where he was reared and lived for some years after his marriage, when he moved to West Liberty and later to Sulphur Springs, engaging in mercantile pursuits

and was a member of the firm of Albert, Fry & Co. Afterward he engaged in farming in Chatfield township and served in numerous township offices, elected to the same on the Democratic ticket. He was township clerk and trustee and also a justice of the peace. He married Susan Fry, a daughter of John Fry, who was born in Switzerland and came in early manhood to Chatfield township, securing Government land on which he lived until his death when aged 89 years. He married a member of the Helm family, in Crawford county. Six children were born to John and Susan Guiss, namely: William H., who is a physician at Tiro, O.; Melville O., formerly auditor of the Birmingham & Nevada Railroad and general manager of the Georgia & Alabama Iron Company, now located at Memphis, Tenn.; Ethie R., who is the wife of Frank Derr, of New Washington; Charles A.; Warren G., who is in the oil business at Tulsa, Okla.; and Maude R., who lives with her parents.

Charles A. Guiss was graduated in the State University at Columbus, in the class of 1905, with his Civil engineer degree and afterward was appointed deputy county surveyor of Lake county, O., under County Surveyor J. C. Ward, and continued his duties there for about one year and then came to Bucyrus. He followed his profession privately from 1906 until 1907, when he was elected county surveyor of Crawford county and satisfactorily served out his term, retiring then to give his entire attention to his personal business. He is a Democrat in his political leanings and fraternally is identified with the Elks and the Eagles, both of Bucyrus.

JOHN MEUSER, deceased, was identified with the Erie Railway for a number of years, for 19 of these operating a freight engine and for more than ten years being a passenger train engineer. He was born in Richland county, O., Dec. 31, 1842, and his accidental death occurred, while in the path of duty, Dec. 30, 1901, the direct result of the explosion of an engine pipe.

John Peter Meuser, father of the late

John Meuser, was born in Prussia and served in Napoleon's Army at the Battle of Waterloo, in 1815, receiving a medal for his bravery, which is still in the possession of the family. He afterward came to the United States and settled in Richland county, O., where he followed the cabinetmaking trade. Late in life he came to Galion, where his death occurred Aug. 11, 1869, when he was aged 79 years. He was twice married, his first wife dying without issue. His second wife, Catherine Swain, was born in Switzerland, in November, 1823, and was brought to America by her parents in childhood. She died at Galion in 1863, the mother of nine children, eight of whom grew up, six of whom married and three of whom survive.

John Meuser was the eldest born of the above family of children and remained in Richland county until 1865, when he came to Galion, entering the Erie Railway service. Through ability and fidelity he rapidly gained promotion and enjoyed the confidence of both his superiors and his associates in business. It was while running the Wells Fargo Express train on the Fourth Division, between Marion and Caledonia, O., that the accident occurred that cost this brave and experienced man his life. He was quite prominent in railway circles, and for many years had been a member of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers. He was fraternally identified also with the Odd Fellows. Politically he was a Democrat, while in his religious connection he was active in the First Lutheran Church.

On July 11, 1869, Mr. Meuser was married at Galion to Miss L. Agnes Sheaffer, who was born in Whetstone township, Crawford county, O., Aug. 8, 1852, but has been a resident of Galion for 56 years and owns the valuable property on which he lives. Her parents were William W. and Savilla (Albright) Sheaffer, the former of whom was born in Dauphin county, Pa., April 16, 1827, and died May 20, 1889. He came to Whetstone township, March 17, 1850, in the following year was married to Savilla Albright, who was born in Whet-

stone township, June 11, 1833, and died November 29, 1884. Her parents were John and Sarah (Sheaffer) Albright, who were pioneers in Crawford county, from Pennsylvania. Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Meuser: Letta L., who is the wife of R. C. Case, of Richwood, O.; and William W., a fireman on the Erie Railroad, lives at Galion, who married Virda Nelson. Mrs. Meuser is very active in the First English Lutheran Church, to which her parents also belonged, and is interested in the Foreign Missionary Society.

JOHN M. LEITZY, whose well cultivated farm of 80 acres is located in Dallas township, is a son of Francis and Hannah (Smith) Leitzzy. He was born in Holmes township, Dec. 26, 1855.

Francis Leitzzy was born in Germany but came to this country when young. His father, also named Francis Leitzzy, resided in Crawford county at his death. Francis Leitzzy, Jr., upon his arrival in the U. S., secured land and followed his occupation as a farmer. He married Hannah Smith, a native of Columbiana county, Ohio, and they had seven children, namely: Catherine, who is the wife of George Strohm; Rose Ann, the wife of Philip Strohm; Mary, the wife of Jacob Staiger; John M., our subject; Elizabeth, the wife of Frederick Schiefer; William; and Joseph. He was a Democrat politically and in religious faith, a Lutheran. He is buried in Crawford county, Ohio.

John M. Leitzzy since completing his education has spent his life in farming. His first experience in the cultivation of land was obtained while working for his father, with whom he continued until about 25 years of age. He then went to Bucyrus township, Crawford county, and rented a tract of land there. After five years spent at that place he went to Tod township, where he also rented land but before long he returned to Bucyrus township. Seven years ago he bought his present farm from M. M. McBeth and he has here successfully followed general farming since that time. He also raises stock for his own use.

In February, 1881, Mr. Leitzzy married Miss Barbara Staiger. Her parents, John and Rickey (Klink) Staiger, were prominent farming people of Crawford county, but are now deceased. Their children besides Mrs. Leitzzy were: Samuel; Joseph; Lena, the wife of Robert Rice; Rickey, deceased; Elizabeth and Mary, twins, the former the widow of Jacob Beller and the latter deceased; and Lydia, the wife of William Roaker.

To Mr. and Mrs. John M. Leitzzy there have been born the following children: Frederick, a music teacher and dealer in musical instruments; Laura, who is the wife of Clarence Shroll; Irvin G. and Corvin C., twins; and Richard F.

Mr. Leitzzy is a Democrat and has served his township on the school board and as road supervisor. He with his family are attendants of the Martin Luther Church.

CHARLES A. BEILHARZ, the leading contractor in painting and decorating at Bucyrus, O., has been a resident of this city since boyhood, but was born in Republic township, Seneca county, O., April 16, 1853, a son of Dr. William and Maria B. (Crockett) Beilharz, and a grandson of Rev. John P. Beilharz.

Rev. John P. Beilharz was born in 1795 and was educated in Germany and for many years after coming to America served pastorates in the German Lutheran church in Ohio. It is remembered that he preached the impressive sermon at the laying of the corner stone of the present old German Lutheran church edifice at Bucyrus. He died in Seneca county in May, 1867, aged 72 years, honored and esteemed to the end. His remains are buried in Fremont, O.

William Beilharz, son of Rev. William and father of Charles A., was born in 1819, in Germany, and was a child when his parents came to America and they settled in Birks county, Pennsylvania. He became a dentist and prior to the Civil War practiced dentistry at Tiffin, O., and from there came to Bucyrus and opened an office on Sandusky Street, where he continued in his

profession for some years and then retired, his death occurring June 23, 1899. He was married in Seneca county to Maria B. Crockett, who was born in Thomaston, Maine, March 30, 1824, and was a child when her parents moved to Seneca county, O., and settled in Eden township. She survived her husband, dying May 14, 1903, at the age of 79 years. Dr. and Mrs. Beilharz were members of the English Lutheran church. They had three children: Charles A.; Anna, who is the wife of F. L. Ingman, a merchant, farmer and real estate dealer in Iowa; and Cassius M., who was accidentally killed at Columbus, O., Aug. 29, 1891, while attending to his duties of conductor, on the T. & O. C. Railway. His widow, Henrietta Beilharz, died June 20, 1900.

Charles A. Beilharz was educated in the Bucyrus schools and learned his trade under the supervision and direction of Samuel Welsh, who was a very competent man in his line. For 25 years Mr. Beilharz has been engaged in contracting in painting and decorating and has had important work to do with both public and private buildings and his judgment is pretty apt to be asked when any work of especial magnitude is contemplated.

Mr. Beilharz was married to Miss Ella M. Choate, who was born at Napoleon, Henry county, O., a daughter of Col. William A. and Rosina (McGill) Choate. Colonel Choate was killed in battle while leading his regiment during the Civil War. In politics Mr. Beilharz, like his late father, is a Republican. He is identified with the Elks and since 1883 has been a member of the Knights of Pythias.

PERRY CHALMERS FULTON, a highly respected retired resident of Bucyrus, O., is a member of one of the early families of this city, in which he was born, Dec. 26, 1849. His parents were Andrew and Elizabeth Harper (Scott) Fulton.

Andrew Fulton was born in Stark county, O., in 1820, where he lived until 21 years of age and then came to Bucyrus. Here he followed the cabinetmaker's trade, which in-

cluded the manufacturing of furniture, by hand, and the making of coffins. Many of the latter were constructed of walnut and as they were usually ordered after the death of an individual, it was no unusual thing for Mr. Fulton to work sometimes the entire night fashioning the last receptacles for the dead, polishing and making them as attractive as possible. For some ten years he was in partnership with his brother, David Fulton, but in 1863 David went into the grocery business and Andrew became sole proprietor of the former concern, but died in the following year, on Nov. 13, 1864. He married Elizabeth Harper Scott, a daughter of Wilson Scott. She was born in Westmoreland county, Pa., in 1826, and was only two years old when her parents moved to Crawford county, reaching Bucyrus on Dec. 25, 1828, and camping over night on what was then the village square. Shortly afterward Mr. Scott secured 300 acres of Government land in Whetstone township, on which he erected a log cabin and there he and family spent many years. Late in life, when aged 75 years, he went to Springfield, Mo., and afterward all record of him was lost. Mrs. Fulton survived until Oct. 28, 1898, passing away at the age of 73 years. Both she and husband were members of the Presbyterian church. Five children made up their family, Perry Chalmers being the first born. Anna Z. married Fred Tipple and they live at Youngstown, O., and have a family of children. James T. went out to Fairbanks, Alaska, but his wife and daughter have not yet joined him. Estella E. died at the age of 18 months. Andrew D. resides with his wife and two sons at Somerville, Mass.

Perry Chalmers Fulton attended the public schools of Bucyrus and all his subsequent business life has been passed here and since June, 1888, he has been connected with the T. & O. C. Railroad. He was married at Bucyrus, Sept. 20, 1888, to Miss Mary Heller, who was born in 1840, and died at Bucyrus, Sept. 11, 1911. She was a daughter of Jacob D. and Margaret (Daniel) Heller. For some years she was connected

with the U. B. church, but later became a member of the Methodist Episcopal church at Bucyrus and was always actively interested in its mission and charitable work. Mr. Fulton has four children, namely: Chalmers C., who resides with his wife, son and daughter, at Bethlehem, Pa.; Blanche Estella, who married Homer Eggleston and they live at Chicago, Ill., and have one daughter; Wesley J., who resides with his family at Cardington, O.; and Harvev Williams, who is in business at Dubuque, O. Politically, Mr. Fulton is somewhat independent but nominally a Republican, and is connected fraternally with the order of Foresters and Royal Home.

M. H. SCHILL, doing business under his own name at New Washington, O., in the clothing and gent's furnishing line, custom tailor and representative of the Royal Tailors, of Chicago, Ill., is well known in this part of Ohio and is a representative citizen of New Washington. He was born Sept. 11, 1865, in Richland county, O., but was mainly educated at Shelby, O.

Mr. Schill entered upon his business career as a dry goods salesman, afterward traveling for a firm for two and one-half years through southern Ohio and West Virginia, and then went into the clothing business and resided for the following seven years at Shelby, being connected with the Kennedy Clothing House. On Jan. 16, 1907, he came to New Washington and here for three years was manager for Kennedy-Robison Company, of Shelby, on April 12, 1911, embarking in business for himself and his trade name is Schill, the clothier. In addition to the stocks above mentioned, he handles a fine line of suit cases and trunks, having excellent business accommodations on West Mansfield Street. Mr. Schill is acknowledged to be a man of taste, skill and practical knowledge in his special line and attracts a very high class of patronage.

Mr. Schill was married to Miss Elizabeth Fabian, who was born at Galion, O. They are members of the Roman Catholic church. Mr. Schill is identified with the Knights of

Columbus, Mansfield Council; with the Eagles, at Shelby, O., and C. K. of O., of the same city.

JOHN W. LOOMIS, a well remembered educator in several sections of Ohio, has been a resident of Bucyrus since 1904, when he became connected with the U. S. Railway mail service and at present is a railway postal clerk on the Pennsylvania Railroad between Crestline, O., and Chicago, Ill. He was born in Seneca county, O., in 1871, and is a son of George and Susan C. (Beery) Loomis.

The Loomis family is of New England ancestry but has been established in the State of Ohio for about 100 years. Reuel Loomis was one of the early colonists from Connecticut to settle in the Northwest Territory and secured land in Sandusky county shortly after Ohio became a State. In 1820 he moved to Tiffin and was one of the pioneer farmers of Seneca county. There his son, Wildman Loomis, grandfather of John W. Loomis of Bucyrus, was reared, his birth having taken place in 1819 in Sandusky county. He died on his farm in Eden township, Seneca county, when aged 83 years. He was intensely loyal to the Union and when civil war was precipitated entered the Federal Army, accompanied by his son George, and served as corporal of Co. B, 164th O. Vol. Inf., throughout a full term of enlistment.

George Loomis was born in Seneca county, O., in April, 1841, and died at Hicksville, O., in 1905. He engaged in farming through most of his active period and was well known in his native state. He married Susan C. Beery, who was born in April, 1847 and died at Hicksville, O., in 1892. They were members of the Methodist Episcopal church. Their children were seven in number, as follows: John W.; Mary C., who is the wife of Noah Ames, residing at Hicksville, O., and they have two children—Richard D. and Rachael N.; Ella E., who died unmarried at the age of twenty-two years; H. Edward, who is engaged in the harness-making business at Hicksville, married there

Ruby Coburn and they have three daughters—Susan L., Lulu M. and Alma L.; James W., who died in infancy; Lula M., who died when aged seven years; and Laura E., who died in infancy.

John W. Loomis enjoyed excellent educational advantages in youth and early manhood, attending school both in Seneca and Wyandot counties and completing the scientific course at the National Normal University, at Lebanon, O. For some ten subsequent years he taught school in Defiance and Henry counties and for some time was at the head of the schools of Florida, O., and was principal of the Hicksville High School. After two years of travel in the South he was connected for a few years with the circulating department of the Bucyrus Journal and Daily Telegraph. For the past eight years as mentioned above, Mr. Loomis has been in the Government service.

Mr. Loomis was married at Bucyrus in January, 1908, to Miss Maude May Minton, who was born in 1881, at Bradford, O., where she attended school and later perfected herself in music at Ada, O. She is a daughter of Ellis and Bertha (Burt) Minton, natives of Ohio and Kentucky, respectively, and a granddaughter of Dr. Henry Harrison and Elizabeth (Shellenbarger) Minton. Dr. Minton was a prominent physician at Bradford, where he practiced for 32 years. Mrs. Loomis has one sister, Alma G., who is supervisor of drawing and music in the New Comerstown schools, in Tuscarawas county, O. Mr. and Mrs. Loomis have one daughter, Grace Isabel, who was born Sept. 6, 1910. They are members of the Presbyterian church. In politics Mr. Loomis is a Republican and fraternally he belongs to Demas Lodge No. 108, Knights of Pythias.

H. O. DUTTER, manager of the Bucyrus Telephone Company, a prosperous business concern of Bucyrus, O., was born at Garrettsville, Portage county, O., Jan. 16, 1873.

In 1891 Mr. Dutter was graduated from

the Garrettsville High School, after which he gave two years to electrical study and practice at Athens, O., which prepared him to fill a position of some responsibility in the electrical engineering department of the Electric Light and Power Company, of that city. From 1893 until 1896 he was connected with the Light and Power Company at Delphos, O., and from then until 1901 was superintendent of the Clyde, O., Light and Power Company and for one year was also city engineer there and after that occupied a similar position with a municipal plant at Bryan. From 1902 until 1905 he was superintendent of the gas department, with the Peoples Gas and Electrical Company, at Defiance, O. In 1906 he was connected for some time with the Light and Power Company at Alliance, O., coming from there to Bucyrus, where he became superintendent of the Light and Power Company of this city, assuming the management of the present company in October, 1910. The Bucyrus Telephone Company was incorporated in 1898, with an authorized capital of \$150,000. Its officers are: Dr. J. A. Chesnes, president; H. S. Blair, vice president; A. D. Stoltz, secretary and treasurer, the board of directors including the officers and three additional capitalists: Benjamin Shearer, J. Wentz and E. Blair. The company operates 1000 automatic telephones and 500 farm telephones and they also have long distance connection with the Bell and Independent companies. Constant employment is given to twenty people. This is one of the most successful local enterprises of this section.

Mr. Dutter was married at Delphos, O., to Miss Katherine Florence Mahoney, who was born and educated there. Mr. Dutter is a Knight Templar Mason, belonging to the Commandery at Marion, O., and to the minor branches at Bucyrus. He belongs to the Knights of Pythias at Defiance, O., and is past chancellor of Clyde Lodge No. 146, Clyde, O.; to the Elks, at Bucyrus; to the Maccabees, at Defiance, O.; and is a member of the American Gas Institute and an associate member of the American Insti-

tute of Electrical Engineers. Mr. Dutter is a busy, practical, competent man and is valued as a citizen.

ISRAEL ULMER, one of the representative farmers and good citizens of Crawford county, who owns a fine farm in Bucyrus township, in partnership with his brother, William Ulmer, containing 113 acres, was born in Crawford county, March 18, 1853, and is a son of Adam and Catherine (Bahler) Ulmer.

Adam Ulmer and wife were born in Wurtemberg, Germany, and they came when young to Crawford county, married here and had the following children: John, William, Minnie, Israel and Mary. The father of the above family died in 1856 and in 1860 the mother married Henry Miller and they moved to Henry county, O. They had four children: Sophia, Jacob, Pauline and Margaret.

Israel Ulmer obtained his education in the public schools and afterward learned the carpenter trade which he followed for five years, all the rest of his mature life having been spent as a farmer. In 1884 he was married to Miss Mary Steiger, a daughter of George G. and Magdalena (Stohm) Steiger. The parents of Mrs. Ulmer were farmers in Holmes township where the father still lives, the mother being now deceased. Of their family of children, Mrs. Ulmer was the second born, the others being: Charles; Magdalena, wife of Charles Unger; George Emanuel; David; Moses; Emma, wife of Noah Lust; and Martha, wife of Warren Dinnenger; Philip; and Amelia, the wife of Casper Meyer.

To Mr. and Mrs. Ulmer the following children have been born: George F.; Emma, who is the wife of Arthur Luke and has two children—Clinton and Leola; and Minnie, Otto, Milo, and Eunice. Mr. Ulmer and family attend the German Lutheran church. The Ulmers have always been staunch in their support of the Democratic party. Mr. Ulmer has served three years as school director, taking much interest in school matters in his township and in every

other way performing his duties as a responsible and reliable citizen.

HENRY A. BARTH, who is a member of the business firm of William F. Barth and Brother, barbers, at Bucyrus, O., is a prominent Democratic politician of Crawford county and is serving in the office of city auditor. He was born in Chatfield township, Crawford county, O., Aug. 4, 1862, and is a son of Frederick and Catherine (Boll) Barth, who reared a family of seven children. The father was born in Germany and when he came to Ohio settled on a farm in Chatfield township. His death occurred in 1882.

Henry A. Barth was reared on his father's farm and was educated in the country schools. In 1880 he came to Bucyrus and here learned his business and in association with his brother, conducts a large establishment. He has been for years an active, interested and reliable citizen, served one term as a member of the city council representing the Third Ward, and in 1907 was elected city auditor. He is an officer in the National Union and is a member of the Barbers' Union and is treasurer of the local organization.

Mr. Barth married Miss Amanda E. Orthwein, a daughter of Jeremiah Orthwein, of Crawford county, and they have two daughters: Stella V. and Helen R. They reside at No. 325 S. Spring Street, Bucyrus, and they attend the German Lutheran church.

JOHN WEIRICK, a retired farmer and highly respected citizen of Whetstone township, where he owns 218 acres of valuable land, was born at Perrysville, Richland county, O., June 6, 1840, and is a son of Levi and Elizabeth (Broner) Weirick.

Levi Weirick and wife were both born in Union county, Pa., both came to Ohio when young and both died in Crawford county, where their burial took place. By trade he was a chair maker and he followed the same all his life. In early days he was a Whig but later identified himself with the

Republican party. Both he and wife belonged to the United Brethren church. To them the following children were born: Charles H., who is deceased; Mary, who is the widow of John Smith; John; Margaret; Clarine, who is the wife of Henry Steinhelfer; William and Sabina.

John Weirick attended school through boyhood and then worked on farms by the month until he was 21 years of age. The Civil War was then in progress and with many other patriotic young men of the neighborhood, he entered the Union Army, enlisting in Co. C, 23rd O. Vol. Inf., in which he served for three years, receiving his honorable discharge at Cumberland, Md., in January, 1865. He saw hard service and in addition to participating in the wearying marches and many skirmishes, he took part in such important battles as South Mountain, Antietam and Cedar Creek. After the close of the war, Mr. Weirick came to Crawford county, O., with the intention of securing farm land and establishing a permanent home. For the first seven years he rented land and then purchased his first 100 acres of his present farm and later added 118 acres more and for many years carried on his agricultural industries by himself but now these responsibilities are carried by his son. General farming, including the raising of a good grade of stock, occupies the attention of Mr. Weirick.

In 1867, John Weirick was married to his cousin, Miss Matilda Weirick, who is a daughter of Aaron and Margaret (Clark) Weirick, substantial farming people of Whetstone township who had the following children: Harriet, who is the wife of Hiram Anton; Matilda; Lucinda, who is the wife of William Miller; Clark M.; Charles; Mary Ann, who is the wife of Hiram Trautman; Nancy Jane, who is the wife of Henry Tate; and Catherine, who is the wife of John Brubaker.

Mr. and Mrs. Weirick have had the following children: Catherine Irene, who is the wife of Charles D. Wise, and has one son, Clyde DeWitt; Charles, who died at

the age of two years; Edna Viola, who is the wife of James Heinlen and has three children—Hilda, Mildred and Iva; Horace, who married Ella Hilliss, and has one son, Neal; Levi, who married Emma Bonner, and has two children—Ivan and Harold; Alberta, who is the wife of Simon Roberts; Margaret, who lives at home; and Ida, who is the wife of Charles I. Wise, and has two children—Eugene and Geraldine. The paternal grandparents of both Mr. and Mrs. Weirick were Henry and Mary Weirick. During his active years, Mr. Weirick served usefully in a number of local offices and was school director and road supervisor and for two terms was constable. He is a man of pronounced temperance principles and votes with the Prohibition party. Both he and family have long been active members of the United Brethren church and they are all people who stand very high in the esteem of their neighbors and fellow citizens.

GEORGE W. NEUMANN, carpenter contractor, is a well known business man of Bucyrus, O., of which city he has been a resident for 27 years. He was born in Polk township, Crawford county, O., June 14, 1855, and is a son of George and Mary (House) Neumann.

George Neumann was born at Berlin, Germany, in 1824, and his wife at the same place in 1822 and both died on their farm in Tully township, Marion county, O., he in 1892 and she in 1881. They came to America in 1850, with their first two children, Peter and Elizabeth, landed at New York and from there moved to Polk township, Crawford county, O. There four more children were born—George W., Mary, Henry J. and Jacob R., four of the family still surviving.

George W. Neumann was young when his parents moved to Marion county and there he was reared and attended a local school in boyhood, afterward learning the carpenter trade. In 1885 he came to Bucyrus and here has continued to be actively engaged in business ever since. He

is a skilled workman and has been concerned in the erection of many of the substantial structures of this city and vicinity.

In 1889 Mr. Neumann was married to Miss Laura Lowmiller, who was born at Bucyrus and is a daughter of Daniel and Louisa (Kiefer) Lowmiller, and a granddaughter of Adam Lowmiller. The latter was of German parentage but was born in Pennsylvania in 1808 and died at Bucyrus in 1889. Daniel Lowmiller, father of Mrs. Neumann, was born in Pennsylvania in 1838 and came to Ohio in early manhood. In 1861 he enlisted for service in the Civil War, entering the First Ill. Bat. I. Light Artillery, and served until the close of the Rebellion. He participated in many battles and in every situation displayed true courage and patriotic spirit. After the war he came to Crawford county and married here and resided at Bucyrus until his death in 1896. The mother of Mrs. Neumann is a well known resident of Bucyrus. She was born in one of the Rhine provinces, Germany, in 1842, and was nine years old when her people came to Crawford county. Mr. and Mrs. Neumann have four children: Bessie Irene, born October 18, 1889; Martha Mildred, born July 7, 1896; Louise Elizabeth, born March 26, 1901; and George William, born July 30, 1908. Mr. Neumann and family are members of the German Lutheran church. In his political views, Mr. Neumann denominates himself an independent Democrat.

FRANKLIN ADAMS. Among the forceful and sterling citizens of Crawford county who in recent years have passed to the Great Beyond was he whose name begins this brief notice. He was born at Alstead, N. H., Nov. 16, 1813, a son of John and Susanna (Morse) Adams. His paternal grandfather, Nathan Adams, was a native of Massachusetts and a colonial soldier in the American Revolution. The name of Adams stands prominently out in American history and the family of which our subject was a member is the some which furnished two presidents to the United States, while the eloquence of another representative of the family inspired the Declaration of In-

dependence. The Morse family to which Mr. Adams' mother belonged has also been conspicuous in Bay State annals. The parents of our subject were both born in Massachusetts. They resided for some time in New Hampshire, but in 1820 removed to Canadice, New York, and thence to Michigan in 1836, in which last named state both died. They had four sons and five daughters.

Franklin Adams, after attending the common schools in early boyhood, entered an academy at Middleburg, Wyoming county, N. Y., and later continued his academic course in Henrietta, Monroe county, N. Y. On attaining his majority in 1834 he joined the general trend of emigration westward, believing that in a newer country he would find better opportunities of advancement. Settling in Ashland, Ohio, he made that place his home for 18 months, and it was while here that he began the study of the law, under the direction of Silas Robbins. He continued it subsequently at Mansfield, Ohio, under James Purdy of that city. At the July term of the Supreme Court of Ohio, held in Bucyrus in 1836, Mr. Adams was admitted to the bar and also licensed to practice by the District Court of the United States, held in Columbus in 1839. He began the practice of his profession at Mansfield, in association with Mr. Purdy, his preceptor, but on the 10th of August, 1837, he came to Bucyrus, of which place he subsequently remained a citizen until his death, which took place on August 1, 1909. From 1838 to 1845 he held the office of prosecuting attorney, which was the only political office ever held by him. From 1852 to 1854 he was secretary and treasurer of the Ohio and Indiana Railroad Company when it was first built between Crestline, Ohio and Fort Wayne, Ind., which road is now a part of the Pennsylvania Railway system. In politics he was a staunch Democrat, but his undivided time and attention were given to the practice of the law and he never sought political preferment. His character as a lawyer has been well summed up in the following words:

"As a lawyer his has been a general practice, covering the usual variety of litigated interests that make up the docket of *nisi prius* courts in a country town. To chancery he has given special attention, especially to the



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administration of estates. He accomplished much toward settlement of cases outside of the courtroom. He has always advised compromises rather than settlement of difficulties in the courts. In early days it was not unusual for disputants to bring before him their respective grievances for arbitration, and thus he became in the best sense counsel for both parties, and in fact took the part of counsel and judge. An amiable disposition, unquestioned integrity, unfailing tact, insight into human nature and regard for equity as well as law, enabled him to solve hundreds of difficulties and restore the relations of friendship and confidence between men who had become antagonistical over some point and were inclined to ruinous litigation. Always a student, always thorough, and ever exact, Mr. Adams has long held the reputation of being a learned and able lawyer, accurate and exact in his pleadings, alert in trial, logical and convincing in argument."

Mr. Adams might well have been called the Nestor of the Crawford county bar. At a banquet tendered him by the bench and bar of Crawford county at the time he had completed his 70th anniversary as a lawyer he received from his professional associates and townsmen most complimentary and eulogistic expressions of their appreciation of his ability, of his devotion to duty and of his character as a man, among the principal speakers being Col. Wilson C. Lemert. The proceedings were published in pamphlet form making some forty or more pages.

Mr. Adams was not only a lawyer of marked ability, he was also an able business man. He acquired a large amount of agricultural property and had a beautiful home, with spacious and well cared for grounds near the public square in the heart of the city. He was never married but left his large estate to Miss Elizabeth Ostermier. It was about 1870 that Miss Ostermeir became acquainted with Mr. Adams. She was then employed at the Sims Hotel (now the Deal House), where Mr. Adams was living at that time. He was attracted by her agreeable manners, her kindness, and the efficient way in which she performed her duties and soon made her an offer to become his managing housekeeper, which she accepted in 1878. She held this position

to the close of Mr. Adam's life and was as faithful and efficient in it as she had been in her duties at the hotel, and caring for him tenderly in his last illness. As a reward for this faithful service, he willed to her all his valuable property in fee simple, and she has since kept up and conducted the household in the same neat and systematic manner that he desired when living. Miss Ostermier is a woman of natural refinement as well as business and administrative ability and those who know her best feel that she has met with a well deserved reward.

Mr. Adams was a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, being in fact a charter member of La Salle Lodge, of Bucyrus. As a man his life was irreproachable and at his demise there were many to mourn his loss.

F. C. McGAUGHY, D. D. S., one of the leading professional men of Galion, who for 14 years has been engaged in the practice of dentistry in this city, was born April 4, 1875, in Chesterville, Morrow county, Ohio. He is a son of Hugh P. and Hannah L. (Boner) McGaughy.

Hugh P. McGaughy was born in Pennsylvania and came to Morrow county, Ohio, in early manhood, where he married, and he and wife settled in Chester township, where he engaged in farming and also worked as a house carpenter. His death occurred in 1910, at the age of 72 years, his wife having passed away in 1904. He was of Scotch-Irish ancestry, and was reared in the Presbyterian faith. She was of Baptist rearing, and her people were of Dutch and Welsh extraction.

F. C. McGaughy attended the public schools in Chesterville, and then entered The Ohio Medical University, at Columbus, Ohio. The Ohio Medical University has since been consolidated with The Starling Medical College, to form The Starling Ohio Medical University. He was graduated from the dental department of said university in the class of 1897. In the following year he came to Galion, and has built up a large and substantial practice. He has a well equipped office, and keeps

thoroughly abreast with the times in all advancements in dental science. His residence is situated at No. 658 West Main Street, Galion.

Dr. McGaughy was married at Bucyrus, Ohio, to Miss Eva A. Matthew, the only daughter of Charles F. Matthews. She was born at Bucyrus, in 1878, and was reared and educated in her native city. Dr. and Mrs. McGaughy are members of the Presbyterian Church. Professionally, Dr. McGaughy is a member of The Central Ohio Dental Society, component society of The Ohio State Dental Society, and fraternally is a Mason and Knight of Pythias.

DAVID C. GAIBLER, whose valuable farm of 134 acres is well cared for and is a profitable property, situated in Whetstone township, Crawford county, O., was born in Germany, January 19, 1869, and is a son of Gottlieb and Frederica (Schaaf) Gaibler.

The parents of Mr. Gaibler lived in Germany until 1887, when they followed David C. Gaibler to Ohio, and for six months lived at Bucyrus. Gottlieb Gaibler and wife then moved to Frontier county, Nebr., and there the latter died in 1909, after which Mr. Gaibler went to Oregon for several years and then returned to his Nebraska farm. His children were: Christian; David C.; Mary, wife of Christian Schurr, Gottlieb, Pauline, Frederica and Nina.

David C. Gaibler attended the public schools in Germany and afterward learned and worked at the carpenter trade. He was the first one of the family to come to America, which was in 1884, and since then he has engaged in farm work to the exclusion of everything else. He purchased his present farm from the heirs of his mother-in-law, Mrs. Elizabeth (Kerr) Sennet, who was born and spent her life on this place. Mr. Gaibler carries on all kinds of farm activities and is prosperous.

In January, 1896, Mr. Gaibler was married to Miss Jennie Sennet, a daughter of Elias and Elizabeth (Kerr) Sennet, the former of whom was born in Pennsylvania and now resides with his children. The mother

of Mrs. Gaibler died Dec. 29, 1896. Mrs. Gaibler has four sisters and one brother: Sadie, wife of Dennis Miller; William; Rosa; Della, wife of David Culp; and Daisy. The grandparents were Oliver and Elizabeth (Wooster) Sennet. Mr. and Mrs. Gaibler attend the Methodist Episcopal church. He is a Democrat in his political opinions, but takes no very active part in politics, being a practical, hard-working farmer and no seeker for office.

JOHN W. BIRK, M. D., was born in Crawford county, Ohio, March 3, 1874, a son of Christian F. and Martha S. (Volk) Birk. He is a grandson of John G. Birk, a native of Wurtemberg, Germany, who came to the United States in 1845. After residing for a time in Albany, N. Y., John G. Birk removed to Tuscarawas county, Ohio; but he did not remain there long, as in 1847 he came to Bucyrus, where he established a harness making business, which he carried on for many years and which is still flourishing. He became a prominent citizen and served as treasurer of Crawford county from 1874 to 1876. His death took place Nov. 10, 1888.

In 1851 he married Miss Joanna Kuhn, who was also a native of Germany and a representative of one of the pioneer families of Crawford county, her people having come to this section of Ohio in 1836. She died in October, 1893, having attained the age of 65 years. In their family were the following children: Christian F., father of Dr. John W. Birk; George M., who is engaged in the drug business with his brother, Christian; Emanuel R., who is now proprietor of the harness shop established by his father and is doing a very extensive business; Lewis C., who is foreman in the harness store; and Elizabeth, wife of F. P. Donnenwirth, a retired citizen of Bucyrus, O.

Christian F. Birk was educated in the common schools of Bucyrus, which he attended until he was 14 years of age. He then began assisting his father in the harness shop, where he mastered the business.

which he mastered in all its details. For several years he was a partner with his father in the enterprise, which was carried on under the firm name of J. G. Birk & Son. For 53 years the business has been continued as the Birk's Harness Store, and is one of the most successful commercial institutions of the city, being now conducted by two of the sons of J. G. Birk, as above intimated.

In 1892 Christian F. Birk, in connection with his younger brother, G. M. Birk, established a drug store, which they are still conducting. They carry a large and well assorted stock of goods and conduct their business so as to retain their patrons and build up their trade. Their sales are constantly increasing and the proprietors enjoy a good income. Christian F. Birk is also connected with the Board of Trade. In Bucyrus, in 1873, he was married to Miss Bertha S. Volk, a daughter of William F. Volk, who came to Crawford county about 60 years ago. They had three children—John W., Carrie Elizabeth and Edna, of whom Carrie E. is the wife of G. W. Kerr, of Wrightsville, Pa., and Edna, at one time a teacher in the public schools, is now the wife of Otho Kennedy. Mrs. Christian F. Birk died Aug. 10, 1898, a month after her son, John W., had sailed for Cuba on military service and while he was on the island.

Mr. Christian F. Birk is connected with the Knights of Pythias fraternity and with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He belongs to the German Lutheran church and in politics is a stalwart Democrat. When only 23 years of age he was elected to the city council and after an interval he was chosen, in 1896, for a second term of two years. He served as city marshal from 1884 until 1890 and in the latter year entered upon a four years term as county sheriff. His fellow townsmen conferred upon him the highest honor within their power when in 1898 he was elected mayor of Bucyrus, and two years later they again called him to the same position, a fact which indicates how faithfully he had served them, his administration being prac-

tical, progressive and beneficial. His public career has been epitomized as follows: "Public spirited, he has withheld his support from no measure that he believes will promote the welfare and substantial advancement of Bucyrus, and his discriminating mind enables him to judge correctly of the value to the city of any measure introduced. Over the record of his public life and private career there falls no shadow of wrong or suspicion of evil, and he is rich in those qualities which win and retain personal friendships."

John W. Birk, the direct subject of this article, was educated in the common schools. He graduated from College of Physicians and Surgeons, University of Illinois, in 1901. Previous to this, however, he had seen military service, being first lieutenant in Company A, Eighth O. Vol. Inf., during the Spanish-American War, and was present at the surrender of Santiago. He began the practice of medicine in 1903, locating in Bucyrus in that year. He was united in marriage to Miss Margaret Curtis, who is a daughter of Dr. Geo. Curtis of Hawley, Pa., and the family consists of one child, Margaret H. Dr. Birk and his family are now residents of Chicago, Ill. He belongs to the Masons and the Elks.

WESLEY SAMUEL COOK, who carries on general farming and stock raising to some extent in Whetstone township, Crawford county, O., has 114 acres of well cultivated land, this being the old homestead on which he was born, June 8, 1879. He is a son of Jacob and Elizabeth (Mutchler) Cook.

The parents of Mr. Cook were both born in Lycoming county, Pa., and both married twice. The first wife of Jacob Cook was Mary Kiess and she was survived by the following children: Philip, Lena, wife of Amos Meck and Mary, wife of Joseph Wagner. His second marriage was to Mrs. Elizabeth (Mutchler) Walter and Wesley Samuel was the only child born to this union. To her first marriage Mrs. Cook

had three children, namely: Elmer; Addie, who was twice married, first to a Mr. Ball and second to John Cook; and Emma, who is the wife of Joseph Steinhilfer. Jacob Cook died on this farm Feb. 17, 1907, on which he had lived for many years. Politically he was a Democrat. Both he and wife attended the Evangelical church, to which his son also belongs.

Wesley Samuel Cook obtained his education in the township schools and has always lived on the homestead, which he owns, subject to his mother's dower right. On June 8, 1904, he was married to Miss Bessie Kelley, a daughter of Walker and Hannah (Albright) Kelley, who live retired at Bucyrus. Mrs. Cook has one brother and one sister, Clarence and Hattie, the latter of whom is the wife of Ernest Steifel. Mr. and Mrs. Cook have three bright boys, Robert, Carson and Richard, who will be carefully reared and well educated. Mr. and Mrs. Cook are Christian people, belonging to the Evangelical body. A Democrat, like his late father, Mr. Cook votes for his party's candidates in National affairs but in local elections uses his own good judgment.

FOREST R. MCFARLAND, who, for the past eleven years has been a railway mail clerk for the U. S. Government, on the Pennsylvania Railroad between Pittsburg, Pa., and Chicago, Ill., in which connection he has proved himself a dependable and efficient official, was born in Champaign county, O., April 11, 1876, and is a son of Robert I. and Agnes (Baker) McFarland.

The McFarlands were originally of Scotland and in about 1650 the branch from which Forest R. McFarland came, moved into Ireland, and in 1740 the first representative came to America. This ancestor located first in Virginia and from there went into Kentucky as a pioneer. Rev. Robert McFarland, the great-grandfather of our subject, was born in Rockbridge county, Va., March 7, 1782, and moved to Kentucky with his parents in 1796. He became widely known as a Methodist missionary and he,

with several other families, came to Ohio under the guidance of Gen. Simon Kenton, the noted Indian fighter, in 1807, and began his ministry here among the Indian settlements on the Mad River and was closely associated with those days of pioneer struggle and hardship in this now peaceful valley. He lived until 1864, having been born in 1782. For a long time his cabin was his church but later Concord Chapel, which still stands, was erected, and there he expounded Methodist doctrine for many years and ministered up and down the valley to all who needed spiritual help or instruction.

John McFarland, son of Rev. Robert, was born February 18, 1824, and spent his life within one mile of his birthplace and followed agricultural pursuits. His death occurred May 7, 1895. For years he was an official in the Methodist Episcopal church and for thirty of these was the leader of the church choir. In his native county he married Sarah Ann Gibbs, who was possibly born in Kentucky, in 1826, and died in 1883. Of their five children there are four survivors, namely: Robert I.; William, who is manager of a hotel, at Columbus, O., who formerly was a school teacher; Elizabeth, who is the wife of Luther Myers, of Columbus, and has one daughter; and Harry L., who is engaged in the life insurance business at Chattanooga, Tenn.

Robert I. McFarland, son of John and father of Forest R. McFarland, was born August 23, 1850, on the old Mad River Valley farm, in Champaign County, O., where he continued to reside and followed agricultural pursuits until some five years since, when he retired to Bucyrus, where he still lives. For a number of years he filled township offices and gave his political support to the Republican party. Mr. McFarland has always been known as an upright man and good citizen. He married Agnes Baker, who was born near Natural Bridge, Rockbridge county, Va., Dec. 30, 1847. Her father, Isaac Baker, brought his family to Ohio when she was quite young and for ten years they lived in Allen county and

then moved into Champaign county, where he died in 1902, after passing his 91st birthday, having been born in 1811, of Swiss-German parentage. The mother of Mrs. McFarland died in middle age. Both parents were members of the German Reformed church. At the time of death, Mr. Baker was one of the oldest Democrats in Champaign county and was a well known man.

Forest R. McFarland is an only child and he was carefully reared by good parents and taught to be thoughtful for others and to be kind and courteous in his demeanor, and these habits have not been detrimental to his advancement in business or social life. After graduating from the local High School he spent one term in the Ohio Northern University, at Ada, O., and afterward taught school until he received his appointment to his present position, as mentioned above.

In 1900 Mr. McFarland was married at Bucyrus to Miss Caroline Albright, who was born and reared here and in 1898 graduated from the Bucyrus High School, after which, until her marriage, she was a teacher. She is a daughter of George W. and Jemima (Scott) Albright, prominent families in Crawford county. Mr. and Mrs. McFarland have three children: Martha Marguerite, who was born May 13, 1902; Isabelle Jemima, who was born January 6, 1906; and Agnes Georgiana, who was born August 8, 1908. Mr. and Mrs. McFarland are members of the Methodist Episcopal church and he is an official in the same and in the Sunday school.

OSCAR K. SHARROCK, a contractor and prosperous citizen of Bucyrus, O., was born in a log hut near Iberia, Morrow county, O., September 6, 1849. His parents were Joseph and Mary (Woodside) Sharrock, and he is a great grandson of James Sharrock, who came to this country as a captain in the English army during the early years of the Revolutionary period, probably about 1776 or 1777. While in charge of a party succoring the wounded on a field of action, after the battle, he as-

sisted a wounded American soldier, whom he recognized as an old schoolmate. Their acquaintance was renewed, they talked about the war and the causes of difference between the colonies and the mother country and Captain Sharrock finally became convinced that the cause of the colonies was a just one. He accordingly took an early opportunity of terminating his relations with the English army and, with some others, joined the Americans, serving under Washington and Lafayette against his former comrades. The principal scene of his military activities, while in the American army, was in New York State and he was engaged chiefly in patrolling the debatable ground between the advanced posts of the two armies, which was overrun and ravaged at frequent intervals by marauders of semi-military character from both sides. While engaged in these duties, he met and married Constance Williams, who was a sister of David Williams, one of the captors of Major André. They resided in New York State but later, after the war, settled in New York City, where Capt. Sharrock acquired a quarter section of land in the heart of the city, in the vicinity of Wall Street. Here they both died when well advanced in years. They had a large family consisting of eleven sons and one daughter. Ten of the sons were sea captains, the exception being Benjamin, grandfather of the direct subject of this sketch, who was the second in order of birth.

Benjamin Sharrock, above referred to, was born probably before the close of the Revolutionary War in a log cabin in New York State. He contributed to the military record of the family, serving under Jackson at New Orleans in the War of 1812-15. At its close he returned home to New York State, but soon after, and before his marriage, removed to Ohio, settling in Guernsey county. Here he married a Quakeress by the name of Cotwell, of Quaker City in that county. This act seems to have been displeasing to his parents, as we are told that he was disinherited because of it. His father James had previously forfeited valuable property in England on account of his desertion of the Royal cause, which fact,

does not seem to have made him act generously towards his son. However, the latter exercised his right to select his own wife, perhaps reflecting philosophically that "true love never does run smooth." Benjamin was a farmer by regular occupation and also a preacher, being known as Rev. Benjamin Sharrock. In 1821 he came with certain others to Crawford county, where he had a very large tract of land, a part of it being secured from the Government and State for services as a surveyor, he having laid out some of the earliest roads in northern Ohio. His last years were spent quietly near Iberia, Morrow county, where he was a prominent citizen, being also widely known throughout this section. He had made a careful study of Indian life and nature, and was respected by the Indians, whom he had always treated justly. He died November 16, 1879, at the remarkable age of 104 years and was buried at Iberia, in Morrow county. Shortly before his death he walked from near Iberia to four miles west of Bucyrus. The stone that marks his grave is a mill stone that he cut in 1820 for the mill he owned at Rockford, this county, and which was a famous old time grist-mill. Benjamin Sharrock was a remarkable man in more than one respect. He never used intoxicating liquors, though their use was almost universal during his earlier years, and though he attained so great an age, he never used glasses to aid his sight; moreover at the time of his death he still retained all his teeth, these last two facts, together with his age, indicating a wonderful vitality. His wife, who had passed away some years before him, was the daughter of a pioneer settler of this part of Ohio, who also was familiar with Indian life and customs and who was a well known citizen.

Rev. Benjamin Sharrock and wife were the parents of quite a large family, of whom Joseph, father of our subject, was the second born. The latter first saw the light in Guernsey county, O., November 4, 1814. When two years old he accompanied his parents to the vicinity of Sandusky, where they remained for a while. He was married in Morrow county to Mary Woodside,

who was born in Pennsylvania, October 17, 1818. This marriage took place several years before the Sharrocks located in Crawford county. Joseph and his wife became the owners of a fine farm in Bucyrus township, consisting of nearly 300 acres of good land. Here they spent the rest of their lives, Joseph dying in 1893 and his wife in 1883. They were regular attendants at church, though not members and were quick to support any good work. Joseph Sharrock was a man of musical talent and for a number of years took a leading part in musical entertainments throughout the county. He was a Democrat in politics.

The children of Joseph and Mary Sharrock were six in number, as follows: (1). Gardner accidentally shot himself April 3, 1874, when 32 years old. (2). Garrett is now a farmer in Crawford county. (3). Charles died two years ago at his home in Bucyrus, O. (4). Oscar is the direct subject of this article and will be further referred to herein. (5). Benjamin is a resident of Golden City, Mo. (6). James is a resident of Morrow county, Ohio.

Oscar K. Sharrock, whose birth has been already narrated, had some difficulty in obtaining an adequate education, as his father was opposed to his spending too much time over his books or at school. Without the latter's knowledge, however, and by dint of earnest application, with the friendly assistance of a Miss McCracken, he acquired a fairly thorough knowledge of the ordinary branches of study, so much so that for a time he followed the occupation of teacher. He continued to improve himself educationally, adding to his stores of knowledge and giving particular attention to language and rhetoric, also devoting much thought to public questions. His ability as a speaker and debater became known, and with it there grew up a demand for his services on the lecture platform. In this sphere of intellectual activity he has made a name for himself throughout this section, having lectured on subjects of historic interest, two of his most noted lectures being on the subjects of Benedict Arnold and the Expansion of the United States, on the latter subject he taking the

affirmative proposition that "It was right for America to expand." On the platform Mr. Sharrock has an agreeable and sympathetic voice of commanding volume, and an easy delivery that never tires his auditors but holds their attention to the end. As a contractor in the line of his regular business he has been successful and is a thoroughly skilled mechanic and a reliable man of business.

He was married in Liberty township to Miss Cynthia A. McMichael, a daughter of David and Margaret (Anderson) McMichael and a grand-daughter of Daniel and Mary (McDowell) McMichael. Grandfather McMichael was born in Ireland and came to America about 1794, when 16 years of age. His family locating in Westmoreland county, Pa., he there married, his wife, Mary being a native of Scotland. Soon after their marriage they moved to Ohio and settled north of the Sandusky near where Bucyrus is now located. He entered 160 acres of land at a point up the river and built a saw and grist mill—one of the first in the county. Of his eight children, David married Margaret Anderson, daughter of John Anderson, a pioneer in that locality. On his father-in-law's death David McMichael moved to the latter's farm, where he subsequently resided, dying Nov. 3, 1857 and leaving a widow and seven children—Rebecca J., Daniel L., John A., George W., Maria, Cynthia and David—of whom George W. and Maria removed to Nebraska. Daniel McMichael, Mrs. Sharrock's grandfather, built the first white man's cabin in Liberty township and was the third settler in the county. Mrs. Sharrock was well educated and was for a number of years a teacher in the public schools.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. Sharrock are as follows: (1). Walter Scott, was educated in Crawford county and is a steam engineer by occupation. He resides at home with his parents. (2). J. Wayland, who is a clerk in a hardware store in Bucyrus, married Bessie Souder and has a son, Jack B. (3). Maude Estella, was educated at Ohio Northern University and was employed for some years as a teacher. She is now in Cuba and also travels Southern territory as

representative of the Crescent Mfg. Co. of Seattle, Wash. She is unmarried. (4). Mirian Thorne, a cultivated young woman, educated at Ohio Northern University, is residing at home. (5). Ross C., graduated from the Ohio Northern University at Ada, O., in the class of 1909 and is a civil engineer and assistant surveyor residing in Bucyrus. He married Lurline Snively and has a son, Harold C. (6). Mabel B. is the wife of Harry Ehrick, of Bucyrus and has a daughter, Thelma Norine. (7). Ralph Beaumont, who resides at home, is attending high school and will graduate in the class of 1913. It will thus be seen that Mr. and Mrs. Sharrock have a promising family who are contributing to the good citizenship of the state and upholding the family reputation, of which fact they may well be proud.

S. L. FRENCH, general farmer and well known citizen of Crawford county, O., residing on his well improved farm of seventy acres, situated in section 11, Cranberry township, belongs to one of the old county families of substantial character. He was born in Lykens township, Crawford county, Jan. 14, 1864, and is a son of John and Elizabeth Jane French, who reside in Cranberry township, on a farm that adjoins that of their son, on the north.

S. L. French received primary instruction in Cranberry township and afterward attended school at New Washington and was a member of the class of 1883, the first one graduated from the New Washington High School. Afterward he took a course in the Ohio Normal School at Ada, O., and then became a teacher, both in Cranberry and Auburn townships. Mr. French then visited the Northwest and resided at Fort Stellacoom, Wash., and for four years was leader of the orchestra engaged to play at the Insane Asylum. He also played in orchestras in hospitals for the insane in Jacksonville, Ill., Columbus, O., Blackfoot, Idaho, and for three years directed the orchestra at the Toledo, O., State Hospital. After coming back to Crawford county in 1895 he bought property in Cranberry townships, parts of the old Robert Robin-

son and Curtis farms, improved the same and has here carried on a general agricultural line ever since. Mr. French follows progressive methods, keeping himself well informed through attendance and interest in the Grange and other agricultural bodies and agricultural literature, and his success proves that his system is entirely practical and again demonstrates that an educated man often makes the best farmer. The location of his property gives it excellent drainage and the Northern Ohio Railroad running through it has proved to be of advantage.

At Tacoma, Wash., on Jan. 12, 1893, Mr. French was married to Miss Lena Unkrich, who was born at Fairfield, Ia., a daughter of Henry Unkrich, and they have four children: Helen, who is a student in the New Washington High School; and Florence, George and Jeanette, all of whom were born in Cranberry township. Dail Robison, a young man of 20 years, has lived with the family since he was four years of age. Mr. French and family are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. Politically Mr. French is a Democrat. In some local organizations he has been interested to some degree and is on the directing board of the Crawford County Fire Insurance Company. Mr. and Mrs. French are members of Cranberry Grange No. 1435, also of the Crawford County Pomona, the Ohio State and National Grange. Many years ago he joined the Knights of Pythias and has passed all the chairs in the local lodge. Mr. French and family are representative people of this section.

ADAM SHUNK, deceased, was one of the best known and most highly respected citizens of Bucyrus, O., for many years. He was the founder of one of the large manufacturing houses here, the plow company which bears his name, and he was also a citizen whose sterling worth could not fail of being appreciated. He was born in Somerset county, Pa., March 23, 1797, grew to the age of 21 years on his father's farm, developed into a man of great usefulness to his family, community and generation and died October 30, 1892.

As a youth Adam Shunk had no educational opportunities. He dutifully performed the labors assigned him on the farm as long as he remained at home, but, when the age of maturity set him free, he devoted himself to work as a carpenter, having constructed his own tools. He was deft of hand from childhood and it is said of him that a wagon, perfect in all its parts, was made by his boyish fingers, when he was not more than eight years of age. He never served an apprenticeship to any mechanical trade, his aptness in the use of tools being a natural faculty. His work of 21 years, in his native section, compared favorably with that of other carpenters, but this work did not entirely satisfy himself and a part of his time and all his leisure was given to experimenting. In 1843 he purchased a patent right to manufacture a certain kind of plow. In the following spring he opened his plow plant at Xenia, O., and while engaged there he also conducted a grocery store and for a time he worked at Canal Fulton. In the fall of 1854 Mr. Shunk came to Bucyrus, and with the capital he had at command built a brick shop and started into the manufacture of plows. There are yet business men of Bucyrus who recall the beginning of this enterprise and others who know of its expansion, while the active business men of today point with pride to the Shunk Plow Company as an example of the commercial importance of this city as a successful manufacturing center. In his day Mr. Shunk made all the different patterns of plows that he manufactured. The business has been developed until not only the Shunk New Model Steel Plow is manufactured but the plant also turns out: the Handy Steel Farm Wagons, steel plows, combination plows, contractors' plows, single shovel plows, potato diggers, steel plow shapes and steel plow beams made to pattern, gas engine trucks, steel scraper blades, corn harvesters and other steel implements.

Mr. Shunk was twice married, first, in 1816, to Miss Mary Banfort, of Somerset county, who died in 1841, and second, in 1845, to Miss Catherine Bauch, of Springfield, O. Children were born to both unions, the survivors of the second being:

Francis, Nelson F., Isaac, John Q. and Katie. The Shunk Plow Company is owned and operated by Nelson F. and John Q. Shunk, the former of whom lives at No. 421 Mansfield Street, and the latter at No. 603 Rensselaer Street. They are men of business enterprise and are worthy citizens. Should they claim the honor, they are entitled to membership in that organization, Sons of the American Revolution, their grandfather having served under General Washington. In many ways Adam Shunk was a very remarkable man and his fellow citizens of a younger generation remember his wonderful activity in business even into old age. From the age of seventeen years he had been a faithful member until death of the English Lutheran church.

HENRY P. REXROTH, deceased, for many years was a well known citizen and successful farmer in Whetstone township, Crawford county, O., where he was born April 4, 1859 and died in December, 1909. His parents were John and Mary Ann (Gebhart) Rexroth, who were early settlers in this section, locating in Whetstone township when they came from Germany. They had five sons and one daughter, namely: George, J. J., Daniel, Samuel, Henry P. and Mrs. Guinther.

Henry P. Rexroth was reared on his father's farm and obtained a district school education. Farming was his main business through life but he also was a veterinary practitioner. He was able to leave a valuable farm of 120 acres, well cultivated and well stocked, to his family, and his widow and son continue to operate it, carrying on general farming and raising Duroc Jersey hogs.

In 1882 Mr. Rexroth was married to Miss Margaret Nungesser, a daughter of Christian and Elizabeth (Helfrich) Nungesser, and they had children born to them as follows: Bertha, who is the wife of John Eyler, and has four children—Marguerite, Russell, Harry and Glenn; Mary, who is the wife of Emanuel Fauser, and has two children—Miriam and Wilbur; Carrie, who is the wife of Harry Kurtz; Emma, who is the wife of Walter Diebler and has one

daughter, Ernestine; Enomah and Harry J. G.

Mr. Rexroth was a prominent man in township politics and was frequently elected to office, serving four years as township clerk and fifteen years as constable. He was a valued member and comrade in several fraternal organizations, belonging to the Eagles and the Royal Arcanum. With his family he belonged to the German Reformed church in Whetstone township and gave it liberal support.

JOHN M. DOSTAL, a member of the firm of Dostal Bros., brewers, at Bucyrus, O., was born at Iowa City, Ia., and is one of the representative business men of this city. His parents were John P. and Johanna (Cerny) Dostal.

John P. Dostal was born in Bohemia, in 1840, and died April 17, 1912. When a young man he accompanied his parents to the United States and they all located at Iowa City, Ia. He had his own way to make in the world and the success which rewarded his efforts was remarkable, considering that he had to contend with a strange language, unaccustomed people, little capital and unknown customs. He became a brewer and at Iowa City continued in business until he accumulated a fortune of \$100,000. When laws went into effect that limited his business he moved his plant to Aurora, Ill., in 1882, and continued until he sold out to the Aurora Brewing Company. In 1890 he embarked in the brewing business at Denver, Colo., and his old plant is now owned by the Neff Bros. Brewing Company. At Iowa City he married Johanna Cerny, who was born also in Bohemia and accompanied her parents when young, to Iowa City, Ia., where she was reared. She is a member of the Roman Catholic church, as was her husband. In politics John P. Dostal was a Democrat. Two sons and four daughters were born to them.

John M. Dostal was educated at the Jesuit College, at Prairie du Chien, Crawford county, Wis., and both he and brother, George A. Dostal, learned the brewing business with their father. The present plant, which occupies six acres at Bucyrus, was

established many years ago, the Dostal Bros. taking charge in September, 1902, succeeding Frank Dick, who had succeeded the Donenwirths, the builders. The Dostal Bros. have made the business a prosperous one, introducing new methods and installing modern machinery. Employment is given to from fifteen to twenty employes and the capacity, which is sold entirely in Ohio, is about 20,000 barrels annually. The firm of Dostal Bros. is made up of John M. and George A. Dostal. The latter is widely known in musical circles and at the present time (1912) is a member of an operatic company touring the country. He early displayed musical talent and three years ago completed his musical studies at Rome. He married Miss Gertrude E. Madden, of Chicago, Ill.

John M. Dostal was married February 14, 1912, at Columbus, O., to Miss Margaret McCaffrey, of that city. They are members of the Roman Catholic church. He is identified with the Elks, the Deutsche Gesellschaft and the Eagles and is a member of the board of trustees of the Elks.

ALVA FRENCH, a substantial and highly esteemed citizen of Galion, O., now living retired after many years of agricultural life, occupies his comfortable residence which stands at No. 645, Cherry Street, Galion. He was born at Otsego, N. Y., April 15, 1839, and is a son of Sampson and Betsey (Seward) French.

Sampson French was born in Massachusetts and his wife in Connecticut, both families being old ones in New England. They were married in New York and their home continued to be in Otsego county until 1847, when they came to Ohio and settled in what is now Morrow county, purchasing land in Washington township and there spent their lives, both passing away before the Civil War. They were members of the Methodist Episcopal church. They were of the same class of people as the Shermans of Ohio and were friendly with that family and also with the older Garfields. For fourteen years Sampson French was a justice of the peace and was an influential man in many directions. While he lived in New

York he followed his trade of cloth weaver and fuller, to some extent, and owned a woolen mill, while he was also a millwright and owned a saw mill. He was, in fact, one of the well equipped, resourceful men of his time and his useful activity covered many fields. Eight of his children reached maturity and all of his six sons and two daughters married and had families of their own. The two survivors are: Alva and Calvin. The latter is a retired railroad man now living at Binghamton, N. Y. He is a veteran of the Civil War, during which he was once a prisoner at Andersonville, Ga., an experience which typifies the horrors of war.

Alva French remained at home assisting in the cultivation of the family farm until 1860 when he entered the railroad employ. He enlisted in Co. C, 180th O. Vol. Inf., in September, 1864, and was made color bearer, under Capt. Moses Abbott, and was honorably discharged June 1, 1865, in the meanwhile having participated in the battle of Wise's Fork, N. C. After the war he resumed railroad work, which he had previously been connected with to some degree, and for ten years was with the Big Four and Erie Railways. He then went back to Morrow county and purchased 58 acres of desirable land and devoted himself to its cultivation and improvement until 1912, when he retired and came to Galion.

In 1862, Mr. French was married in Morrow county to Miss Lydia A. Elder, who was born and educated there. She is a daughter of Samuel and Abigail (Noyer) Elder, who were born in Bedford county, Pa., but were married in Ohio and were early settlers in Morrow county, the Elder lands having been secured from the Government by the grandfather of Mrs. French. This family is one of the best known in Morrow county, a long-lived people, thrifty and virtuous.

Mr. and Mrs. French have three children, one son and two daughters: Chauncy C., who succeeded his father in the management of the Morrow county estate; Abbie, who is the wife of J. F. Nichols, residing at Galion; and Carrie, who is the wife of Korah Mommtz, of Morrow county, and has two children: Ralph and Edith Marie. Mrs.

French is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. French has been a Republican since he cast his first presidential vote, that being for Abraham Lincoln. He is a valued member of Dick Morris Post No. 130, G. A. R. In 1867 Mr. French was painfully injured in a railroad accident and in the following year went to Missouri and spent five years there before he was able to resume his former active life.

SHERMAN R. HARMAN, a well known resident of Dallas township, was born May 11, 1876, on the farm where he now lives and which he and his father own. He is a son of John and Lois (Burke) Harman.

John Harman and his wife were both born in Ohio, where he has been a farmer but is now living retired at Nevada. He is in sympathy with the principles of the Republican party and attends the U. B. Church. Mr. and Mrs. John Harman were blessed with four children: Ida, the wife of Charles L. Slagle; Sherman, the subject of this article; and Mary and Jay, both deceased.

After attending the common schools of his district, Sherman R. Harman turned his attention to farming and went to work on the farm before referred to. He has been associated with his father until last year and since then he has successfully managed the farm himself. He does general farming and raises a good grade of stock.

In 1901 Mr. Harman was married to Miss Bertha Mollenkopf, who is a daughter of Philip and Emma (Cook) Mollenkopf. Mr. and Mrs. Harman have a son and a daughter—John Milton and Mildred Gertrude.

Sherman R. Harman is, as his father, a Republican politically and affiliated with the U. B. Church.

JACOB COLTER, senior member of the lumber firm of Colter & Co., saw mill operators and manufacturers of all kinds of house and building material in the way of lumber, has been identified with the lumber business all his life since early manhood. He was born in Bavaria, Germany, in 1842 and is a son of Jacob and Caroline (Lepple) Colter, who emigrated to America in 1851,

crossing the Atlantic Ocean in a sailing vessel that required 42 days to make the passage. They landed at the port of New York and from there came to Ohio and located near Strasburg. There the father died six weeks later, leaving his widow and two children, Jacob and Henry. The latter is in the saw mill business in Adams county, Ind., is married and has four sons. The mother of Mr. Colter is now in her ninetieth year. She contracted a second marriage and six children were born to it, her second husband being now deceased.

Jacob Colter was reared in Tuscarawas county, O., and obtained an excellent education at Millersburg, one that fitted him for teaching and he taught school successfully prior to entering into the lumber industry. In 1873, in partnership with a kinsman, P. W. Smith, he bought a saw mill at Arcola, Ind., in which he continued to be interested for twenty years. When he and partner left that section of Indiana it was with an earned capital of \$50,000. In 1902 Mr. Colter came to Bucyrus and conducted a saw mill until 1906, when a planing mill was added to the other facilities and a large business has been built up. Since 1905 Mr. Colter has had a silent but active partner in Peter Conkle. The plant of Colter & Co., covers nine acres of land, a part of which is covered with mills and their complete equipments and a part is given to the storage of lumber, they keeping an average of 400,000 feet on hand all the time. Mr. Colter is also interested at Jonesboro, Ark., where his lumber plant is worth \$110,000, and additionally he is concerned in banks at Decatur and Fort Wayne, Ind., and at Willshire, Van Wert county, O. Mr. Colter is one of the capitalists of Crawford county.

Mr. Colter was married in Indiana to Miss Sarah Crawford, who was born in 1855, in Allen county, Ind. She died at Arcola, Ind., in 1902, survived by six children: Blanche, who is the wife of Lee Ellsworth, who is well known on the dramatic stage; William H., who is engaged in the saw mill business at Upper Sandusky; John, who lives at Jonesboro, Ark.; Maude, who is the wife of Robert Picking, of Bucyrus; Ethel, who resides with her father; and

Helen, who is a High School student. Mr. Colter resides at No. 222 South Poplar Street, Bucyrus. He has never taken any very active part in politics but nevertheless has always arrayed himself with the supporters of law and order. He is a member of the M. E. church.

JAMES RICHARD HOPLEY was born at Bucyrus, O., Aug. 1, 1863, the son of the late John and Georgianna (Rochester) Hopley. He is strictly a Bucyrus boy having been brought up here and was graduated from the Bucyrus public schools in the class of 1882. In 1884 in company with five other boy friends he organized the Bucyrus Evening Times and was editor and manager of that paper. In 1887 and 1888 he was located at Fort Worth, Texas, engaged in railroad work. On Nov. 15, 1893, he was married at Granville, O., to Miss Elizabeth Sheppard, daughter of Rev. Thomas J. and Margaret (Collins) Sheppard. At that time Mr. Hopley was city editor of the Bucyrus Evening Telegraph. In 1896 he became editor and manager of the Sandusky Evening Telegraph at Sandusky, Ohio, where he remained about a year. In 1897 he went to Columbus where he was associated with Charles W. Harper for a number of years as editor of The Advertising World and Ad-Art, where his natural aptitude for advertising was given full swing. During the latter part of his work at Columbus he was manager of the Harper Illustrating Syndicate, continuing his work as editor of the Harper advertising publications. In 1902 he returned to Bucyrus as manager of the Hopley Printing Company and upon the death of the late John Hopley he became editor as well as manager of the newspapers belonging to the family estate. Mr. Hopley has been a Republican all his life and has taken a considerable part in the local politics. In December of 1910, he was appointed postmaster at Bucyrus, O., by President Taft, taking up the duties of the office Feb. 15, 1911. Mr. Hopley has been a member of the Presbyterian church since he was 16 years of age and in March, 1912, was elected a ruling elder of the church at Bucyrus.

Mrs. James R. Hopley has taken much prominence in club work, was chosen vice

president of the Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs in 1899 and in 1900 was elected president of the State Federation. In 1903 she was the only woman speaker on the program of the Ohio Centennial celebration at Chillicothe, O.

ROBERT LAIRD, deceased, for many years was identified with the great Erie Railway system at Kent and Galion, O., and was quite influential in local politics in Crawford county. He was born at Glasgow, Scotland, May 6, 1841, and was a son of Robert and Mary (Laird) Laird.

The parents of Mr. Laird were of Scottish birth and ancestry and of the Presbyterian faith. In 1849 they took passage with their children on a sailing vessel bound for the United States, and after six long weeks on the water, were safely landed on the coast of Virginia. Later the father became manager of mines at Mt. Savage, now in West Virginia, and to him is attributed the honor of discovering the beds of fire clay in that section which he subsequently assisted in developing. His widow survived him, dying at Parkersburg, W. Va., in her 79th year. They had twelve children born to them, a number of whom reached maturity.

Robert Laird had but meager educational opportunities. He learned the boilermaker's trade at Peidmont, W. Va., and afterward worked at Zanesville and then entered the shops of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, and while there enlisted for service in the Civil War. He became a member of Company D, 159th O. Vol. Inf., in which he served for three months, when he was prostrated with rheumatism, from which he was never afterward entirely free. When he resumed work at his trade he remained with the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad for about four years, having come first to Galion, in 1868, and here became foreman of the boiler shops and for twenty years was connected with the Erie Railway. He then went to Mansfield, O., where he was at the head of the J. Sullivan Boiler Works and three years later returned to Galion and here conducted a boiler shop of his own for five



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years. His death occurred in this city November 5, 1905. He was a man of sterling traits of character, honest and upright, industrious and faithful and was the type of citizen that a community cannot afford to lose. He was firm in his adherence to the principles of the Democratic party and was frequently brought forward as a party candidate for responsible positions. Mr. Laird was a Knight Templar Mason and was master of the local lodge. He had hosts of friends in Dick Morris Post No. 130, G. A. R., and it was while presiding as commander that his death summons came to him and he peacefully expired supported by his old comrades in arms.

Mr. Laird was married at Zanesville, O., to Miss Jennie McIntosh, who was born at Edinburgh, Scotland, a daughter of John and Agnes (Russell) McIntosh, and in her infancy brought by her mother to America. The mother died in 1868, she being then aged 79 years. Mrs. Laird is the youngest of five children and she has one brother living in Ohio, John McIntosh, who is a retired carriage blacksmith, residing at Mt. Vernon, with wife, three sons and one daughter. One son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Laird, John R. He was carefully reared and graduated with credit from the Galion High School, afterward learned the machinist trade and became a skilled boiler-maker. His death occurred November 27, 1911, when aged 46 years. Mrs. Laird is a woman of marked ability, a leader in several distinctive lines. For some time she was president of the Woman's Relief Corps at Galion and for ten years its treasurer, and she was the organizer of the Eastern Star lodge here and its first matron.

CHRISTIAN SHONERT, dealer in pianos and other musical instruments at Bucyrus, O., who is known all through this section as a musician of a high order of ability, was born in Saxony, Germany, April 13, 1832, and is a son of John H. and Frederica (John) Shonert.

John H. Shonert followed the blacksmith trade in Germany and was an excellent workman but many of his customers were

people of small means and unable to pay enough for Mr. Shonert's services to enable him to take care of and provide for a rapidly increasing family. In the hope that in America he would find better opportunities, Mr. Shonert decided to emigrate and in 1848, with his family left the port of Bremen for the United States. After a voyage of six weeks the family was safely landed at Castle Garden, New York City, and from there made their way to Crawford county, O., and settled on a farm in Lykens township, where the father followed both farming and blacksmithing.

Christian Shonert attended school in his native land and was 16 years of age when he accompanied his parents to Ohio. After one year of toil on the farm in Lykens township he left home and came to Bucyrus, where he learned the tanning business, and afterward, for a number of years, continued in this line, during a part of the time alone and also with a partner. The German people are noted for their natural musical talent and Christian developed this very early although circumstances were such that he had little opportunity to develop it while young. Later he secured advantages and it has long been said of him that he is the finest musician in Crawford county. He was the first real musical man in Bucyrus and has had much to do with the encouragement of music in this city. He has been in the musical instrument business at his present location, No. 415 N. Sandusky Street, since 1849.

Mr. Shonert was married October 30, 1856, to Miss Maria W. Miller, a resident of Bucyrus, and they have had seven children, all of whom have inherited their father's remarkable musical gifts and have had them cultivated and appreciated. The third son, Edwin M. Shonert, has become a celebrated pianist and at present is on the concert stage. Mr. Shonert has been one of Bucyrus' most useful citizens. He has served with satisfaction and efficiency in city and county offices and was four times elected county treasurer, first in 1875 and again in 1877 and also served the two terms from 1884 to 1888. He retired from this office of

trust and responsibility bearing with him the respect, esteem and commendation of his fellow citizens. He has also served a number of years on the school board and city council.

W. J. JUMP, farmer and teacher, is a member of one of the old families of Crawford county which has many representatives in Tod township. He was born June 18, 1876, on the old homestead and is a son of W. H. Jump.

W. J. Jump attended the local schools at Lemert and later, Ada University, after which he began to teach school. Not every nominally qualified teacher finds himself fitted for this work after he begins, but in Mr. Jump's case, teaching seems to be a natural vocation and for thirteen years he has been engaged in educational work in Crawford county, at present teaching at Glen Eden, in School District No. 2, Tod township. His farm of forty acres also claims attention and he takes much interest in its management.

Mr. Jump married Miss Anna Lecrone, a daughter of Adam Lecrone, of Bremen, O., and they have had two children, Carlton and Harry, but both sons passed away in infancy, the former when aged nine months and the latter when but five months old. Mr. Jump is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church at Plankton, O., while Mrs. Jump is a member of the U. B. church at Laurel in Hocking county, O. In his political attitude he is a Democrat. He has a wide acquaintance and is held in very high esteem in Crawford county as an educator.

MISS JULIA AUMILLER, who is a very highly esteemed lady of Bucyrus, O., is a representative of one of the pioneer families of Holmes township, Crawford county, and here she has spent her active and useful life. She was born in Holmes township and is a daughter of Daniel and Sarah (Boyer) Aumiller.

Daniel Aumiller and wife were both born in Union county, Pa. He was just 19 years of age when he accompanied his brother, George Aumiller, to Crawford county, in

October, 1828. At that time the busy city of Bucyrus was nothing but a hamlet on the frontier and it was no unusual sight to see bands of Indians in the neighborhood. George Aumiller was a brick maker and in this industry he was assisted by his brother, Daniel Aumiller, the latter of whom worked for three years and frugally saved almost every dollar in order to be able to invest in land. When he had sufficient capital to enter an 80 acre tract, he walked the entire distance to the land office at Tiffin, O., in order to secure the property in Holmes township that he had in mind. It was a discouraging looking place at that time, little resembling the improved farm that Miss Julia Aumiller and a sister, Mrs. Nichols, now own, but Daniel Aumiller not only cleared that place and put it under cultivation, but later acquired 160 acres more, together with tracts of Western land. His death occurred on the first 80 acres he had bought, when he was in his 72nd year. In addition to farming he also, for some years, followed the brick mason trade and was known all over Crawford county. His widow survived him for 16 years, her death occurring in 1900, in her 82nd year. In early life she belonged to the Albright church but later united with the English Lutheran body. All of their eleven children grew to maturity on the farm and three sons and four daughters are yet living.

Miss Julia Aumiller was educated in the local schools. She is a very capable business woman and for a number of years conducted a dressmaking business. In addition to her interest in the old homestead, she owns two excellent houses at Bucyrus. She is one of the active and interested members of the English Lutheran church at Bucyrus, has many pleasant social connections and a very wide circle of friends.

OTTERBEIN P. BECK, who, as head sales agent for the Galion Iron Works Company, at Galion, O., occupies a very important position, and is also a member of the directing board of the company, has been identified with this concern since its organization and a large measure of its success

may justly be attributed to his energy and business capacity. He was born in Jefferson township, Crawford county, O., and is a son of John Beck and a grandson of one of the pioneers of Jefferson township, Crawford county.

John Beck was born in 1807 in Westmoreland county, Pa., and in 1827 accompanied his parents to Jefferson township, and his father built the first grist mill in the county, constructing it on the Sandusky River. John Beck engaged in farming but possessed natural mechanical skill and was a satisfactory carpenter and a capable millwright, manufactured pumps for some years and occupied his spare moments in constructing such delicate musical instruments as the dulcimer. He was well known all over the county and in his way he was a genius. Early in life he was a Democrat but the issues involved in the Civil War made him a Republican. For many years he was a justice of the peace in Jefferson township. He was twice married, first to Mary Swisher, who left six children, three of whom were soldiers in the Union Army during the Civil War. His second wife was Eliza Rhoads, who was born in Indiana but was reared in Seneca county, O., by an uncle. She died in 1880 when aged 44 years, leaving nine children, six of whom survive.

Otterbein P. Beck was reared and educated in Jefferson township and during almost all of his active business life has been connected with manufacturing concerns and more or less of the time with his present particular department. For nine years he was connected with the Central Ohio Buggy Company and for six years afterward was sales agent for the Ohio Buggy Company. He came to Galion in 1880 and, as mentioned above, has been interested with the Galion Iron Works since the plant was established here. He has jobbers all through the country who handle the products of this company and in addition the company has fifty active men on the road, while the office business is so voluminous that nine stenographers are required. Mr. Beck is thoroughly alive to business possibilities and has the natural foresight and good judgment

that enable him to recognize advantages when presented.

Mr. Beck was married in Crawford county to Miss Mary H. Shumaker, who is a daughter of John and Esther (Gledhill), Shumaker. The father of Mrs. Beck died in May, 1869, from the kick of an unruly horse and the mother died in December, 1868. Mr. and Mrs. Beck have two children: Loren Eugene, who was educated at Galion and in the Ohio Business College, Mansfield, O., and is a commercial traveler; and Lois May, who is a member of the class of 1914 in the Galion High School. This young lady has great musical talent and is a member of the choir of the Presbyterian church. Mrs. Beck was reared in the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. Beck is a Knight of Pythias and is a charter member of the United Commercial travelers and a charter member of the Commercial Club at Galion.

WILLIAM MASON, who is one of the leading business men of New Winchester, O., owner and proprietor of a general store and also owner of one of the finest residences in the town, was born in Dallas township, Crawford county, O., May 16, 1860, and is a son of John and Mary (Line) Mason.

John Mason was born in England and came to the United States when a boy. He worked at first on farms in different sections and later acquired land of his own and at the time of death owned 280 acres of fine land in Crawford county. He married Mary Line, who was born in Ohio, and they had the following children: Nancy, deceased, who was the wife of Charles Saylor; Fannie, who is the wife of Z. W. Hipsher; James, who is deceased; Ellen, who is the wife of Otis Brooks; Rose Ann, who is the wife of John Hord; William; and Lottie, who is deceased. John Mason and wife are both deceased and their burial was in Marion county, O. They were well known and highly respected people.

William Mason was given public school advantages and afterward assisted his father until he was 18 years of age and then be-

came a farmer on his own account and continued until 1898, when he purchased a business at New Winchester, which he conducted for 18 months and then sold, after which he bought his general store and has conducted the same for the past twelve years. He carries a full and well selected stock and enjoys a liberal amount of patronage.

In 1881 Mr. Mason was married to Miss Maggie Cress, who is a daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth (Lint) Cress, the former of whom is well known all over Crawford county as an expert blacksmith. Mrs. Mason is the second in a large family, as follows: Nora, who is the wife of G. W. Schreck; Iley Bell, who is the wife of Samuel Sharrock; Frances, of Chicago; Minnie, who is the widow of Fred Daoust; Della, who is deceased; and Manford. Mr. and Mrs. Mason are members of the United Brethren church. Politically Mr. Mason is a Republican and has been a loyal party worker for many years. He has served at times in public office and for one term was assessor of Dallas township and at present is turnpike road commissioner for Whetstone township. For several years he was postmaster of New Winchester. He is identified with the Masonic fraternity and belongs to Lodge No. 447, A. F. & A. M., at Caledonia, O.

WILLIAM C. KIESS, vice-president of the Second National Bank of Bucyrus, O., is also largely interested in real estate and conducts an extensive business along this line, dealing in both city realty and farm property. He has been a representative citizen of Crawford county for many years and has frequently been honored by election to offices of trust and responsibility by his fellow citizens. He was born on his father's farm in Whetstone township, Crawford county, O., in 1857, and is a son of Jacob and Catherine (Delker) Kiess.

Jacob Kiess was born in Lycoming county, Pa., a son of Christopher Kiess and wife, who were natives of Germany. Grandfather Kiess was an educated man and first taught school in his native land and after-

ward, for twenty years in Pennsylvania. He thus was useful in his day and generation although he never accumulated as much property as have a number of his descendants. In 1850, Jacob Kiess and wife settled on a farm in Crawford county, improved it and there he died in his seventieth year, in 1882. In early manhood he had married Catherine Delker, who was born in Germany, where she lived until fifteen years of age. She survived her husband, passing away in 1885, when aged 69 years. They were members of the Evangelical Lutheran church and were worthy of their name and profession of faith. Of their children there are three sons and one daughter living, namely: William C., Simeon, Joseph F., and Mrs. M. A. Butts, of Hiawatha, Kans.

William C. Kiess was reared on the home farm and early took part in the necessary toil that successful cultivation of land demands. His education, however, was in no way neglected and he was ambitious as well as intelligent. After attending the public schools he enjoyed higher training in the university at Ada, O., where he was specially prepared in the Normal classes for educational work. For seven years afterward Mr. Kiess taught school, confining his efforts to Whetstone township, and he met with a large measure of success. He looks back upon that period as a useful season of his life, in which he did his best and felt rewarded for his efforts. Among his warmest friends of the present are those who were once his pupils. From the school-room Mr. Kiess entered public office, serving as township clerk for four years and as land appraiser in his township. On February 9, 1900, he entered upon the duties of probate judge of Crawford county, to which honorable office he had been elected in the previous autumn, and his services on the bench demonstrated his particular fitness for that position. Judge Kiess subsequently turned his attention to dealing in real estate and has numerous additional interests. He is a notary public and maintains his office in the Rowse Building.

Judge Kiess was married in 1879 to Miss Sarah E. Wagner, a daughter of John and

Mary Wagner, old residents of Whetstone township, who have long since passed to their final rest. Two children living were born to Judge and Mrs. Kiess, a son and daughter, Thomas Clinton and Bessie Belle. Judge Kiess and family are members of the Evangelical church. Their pleasant and hospitable home is at No. 475 Galion Street, Bucyrus.

GEORGE LEROY SHERMER, a successful farmer of Dallas township, who is also one of that township's prominent citizens, was born in Crawford county, Ohio, March 8, 1872, a son of Levi and Martha (McKinney) Shemer. The parents of our subject were early settlers in Crawford county, the father, Levi Shemer, coming here from Stark county, Ohio, when a child of eight years; his wife, Mrs. Martha Shemer, is from Richland county. They are still living and reside in Dallas township, Levi being a farmer by occupation. Their children are: George LeRoy, whose name appears at the head of this sketch; Mary Matilda, who is the wife of Daniel Parcher; Charles Otis; Velma Maude, who is the wife of Leo White; and Earl.

George LeRoy Shemer in his boyhood attended the common schools and was early trained to agricultural pursuits. He has resided in Dallas township for 29 years, and is engaged in general farming, keeping stock enough for his own use. A Republican in politics, like his father, he is now serving in his third term as clerk of the township.

He was married Oct. 16, 1895 to Mary E. Parcher, a daughter of John and Adelia (Wilson) Parcher, farming people and prominent residents of Dallas township. John Parcher, Mrs. Shemer's father, was born in Bucyrus township, this county, in 1846. His father, Daniel Parcher, was also a native of this county, while his mother, Mrs. Mary (McNeal) Parcher, came from Pennsylvania. John Parcher was county commissioner for six years and has also served as township trustee. He is a man highly respected in the community. Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Shemer attend the Metho-

dist Episcopal church. They are industrious thrifty people, good neighbors, and well liked in the community and have a wide circle of friends.

DANIEL M. TOBIAS, a well known resident of Bucyrus, is a member of the firm of D. M. Tobias & Co., doing business at Columbus, O., dealers and manufacturers of fine blank books and legal stationery. Mr. Tobias was born at Greencastle, Pa., May 8, 1859.

Daniel M. Tobias was four years old when his parents came to Crawford county and settled on a farm in Liberty township from which they later moved to another in Holmes township, and there he grew to manhood. His education was secured in the district and Bucyrus schools and at Oberlin College. After learning the cabinetmaker's trade he followed that for some time and then acted as deputy for his brother, Hon. James C. Tobias, who was judge of the Probate Court. For ten years after the termination of his term as deputy, he was superintendent of the Bucyrus Stock Farm, in which position he exhibited excellent judgment and successfully handled and drove the high bred horses for which the farm was noted all over the state. In November, 1903, after some time devoted to pattern work in a cabinetmaking shop, he entered the employ of the Dayton Blank Book and Lithographing Company, and after the second year became stockholder and director in the company and for nine years was a salesman for that concern, at the end of that period establishing his own business at Columbus, where he has continued to prosper until the present. He has always been an active Democrat and has frequently been a delegate to important conventions, has served in numerous local offices and is the present candidate of his party for county auditor.

Mr. Tobias was married (first) at Bucyrus and by that marriage had two children: Ray J., who resides in the West; and Jessie M., Mrs. Smith, whose home is in California. Mr. Tobias was married (second) at Bucyrus, to Miss Sallie Stewart, who was born

at Fort Wayne, Ind., but in childhood was brought to Bucyrus by her parents, Joseph and Mary (Snyder) Stewart, the former of whom was born in Columbiana county, O., March 9, 1839, and died Feb. 3, 1905. For more than thirty years he was a railroad engineer, in 1881 becoming identified with the T. & O. C. Railroad and continuing with that line until within a few years of his decease. He was the instructor of Eugene Debs, the labor leader, when the latter became a fireman on his engine, and was well known to railroad men all over the country. His widow survives and resides at Bucyrus. She is a member of the Lutheran church. Mr. and Mrs. Tobias have four children: Ruth M., who was born May 24, 1894, and stands at the head of the class of 1913, in the Bucyrus High School; Russell Stewart, who was born May 21, 1897; Daniel Milton, who was born August 9, 1899; and Catherine, who was born August 25, 1906. Mr. and Mrs. Tobias attend the Lutheran church. He is secretary of the Order of United Commercial Travellers of America and has represented this body as a delegate to its national convention for several years. Since 1885 he has been identified with the Knights of Pythias at Bucyrus, with which he has, at times, been officially connected. Although Mr. Tobias carries on his business at the capital, he has continued to maintain his home at Bucyrus and his handsome residence is situated at No. 411 East Mansfield Street.

J. P. WHALEN, proprietor of the Whalen Laundry, a very successful business enterprise of Galion, O., doing business at No. 241 East Main street, was born in this city in 1867, a son of Richard and Mary (Riester) Whalen.

Richard Whalen was born in New York and was a young man when he came westward and during the larger part of his after life was connected in some capacity with railroads, both at Galion, O., and Indianapolis, Ind., being last identified with the Erie Railroad. His death occurred in April, 1907, when he was 68 years of age. He was married at Galion to Mary Riester, who was

born in Ohio, of German parents, and she survives. She is a member of the German Catholic church, as was her husband.

J. P. Whalen was reared at Galion and Indianapolis and attended school regularly in boyhood. He has been identified with the laundry business practically all his life since then, or since 1882, and in 1888 started his present laundry. At first it was a somewhat small concern, a hand laundry, but Mr. Whalen had no idea of remaining satisfied with what were then, necessary conditions, and gradually made improvements as his patronage increased and by 1900 had built up such a substantial income-bringing business that he felt justified in securing his present commodious quarters and installing modern laundry machinery. He gives continuous employment to ten individuals and guarantees the finest work in the city.

Mr. Whalen was married at Galion, O., to Miss Nellie Mitchell, who was born and reared at Urbana, O., and they have two children: Eileen, an attractive little girl of thirteen years who attends the parochial school; and Joel, who has not yet reached his third birthday. Mr. and Mrs. Whalen are members of the Roman Catholic church, and he belongs to that world-wide organization, the Knights of Columbus. He is an energetic and enterprising business man and reputable citizen.

LEO WHITE, who is one of the enterprising and successful agriculturists of Dallas township, Crawford county, O., and one of the representative and reliable citizens, now serving in his third term as township trustee, was born in Dallas township, July 17, 1870, and is a son of Willard T. and Clementine (Swigart) White.

Willard T. White was born also in Dallas township and has been a farmer all his life and is one of the large landowners of Crawford county, at present having 800 acres. He has been twice married, first to Clementine Swigart, who died when her two children, Leo and Ida Irene, were small; Ida Irene is the wife of E. H. K. McComb, who is assistant superintendent of the Manual

Training School at Indianapolis, Ind. After the death of his first wife, Mr. White married Ella Brown, who, like the first Mrs. White, was a native of Wyandot county, and two sons were born to them: Garrett B. and Abraham Jay.

Leo White attended the local schools and afterward enjoyed two terms at Ada, O., since when he has devoted himself to general farming and stock raising. He operates a large body of land including 240 acres of his father's farm and an additional 160 acres, which he rents. He is progressive and up-to-date in his methods and his industries are prospering.

In October, 1898, Mr. White was united in marriage with Miss Velma Maude Shemer, who was born in Crawford county. Her parents, Levi and Martha (McKinney) Shemer, are residents of Dallas township. They have the following children: G. L.; Matilda, wife of D. L. Parcher; Otis; Mrs. White, and Earl. Two daughters have been born to Mr. and Mrs. White: Helen Lorena and Hazel Martha. The family belongs to the Methodist Episcopal church. Politically an ardent Republican, Mr. White has been frequently tendered public office by his party and has served as township trustee with efficiency as well as township treasurer for three terms. He is a member of the Elks at Bucyrus, O.

JOHN T. LUSCOMBE, master mechanic for the Toledo & Ohio Central Railroad, at Bucyrus, O., was born in County Cork, Ireland, thirty-seven years ago and accompanied his parents, John and Elizabeth (Pitchford) Luscombe, to America. In May, 1884, the family landed in the Dominion of Canada.

John Luscombe and wife reside, in comfortable retirement, at Belleville, Ontario, he having served thirty years with the Grand Trunk Railroad, for fifteen years of this period being in charge of the car department. He is a pensioner of the British Government, having served for 21 years in the British army and held the rank of color sergeant during a part of the time. He served three terms of enlistment, each of

seven years. He and wife are members of the Baptist church. Ten children were born to them, as follows: John T.; Langford G., who died at the age of 23 years; Henry J., who died at the age of 25 years, and is survived by his widow; Alfred P., who is a prosperous farmer and wheat grower in Alberta, where he married and has three children; Reuben C., who is an engineer on the B. & O. Railroad at Newark, O., and has two sons; Maude M., who resides with her parents; Walter R., who is in charge of a department in a large clothing house in Canada, and who married there and has twin daughters; Edith Clara, who lives at home; E. Agnes, who also resides with her parents; and William Oliver, who is in the employ of a manufacturing company at Belleville.

John T. Luscombe was graduated from the Belleville High School and when only fifteen years of age entered the employ of the Grand Trunk Railroad and continued, in various capacities until 1901, when he became identified with the B. & O. In the meanwhile he had not neglected his education, in 1900 graduating from the National Correspondence School, at Scranton, Pa. He has filled important positions with different companies and when with the Chicago & Alton Railroad, was machine foreman and with the B. & O., was general foreman. Prior to March, 1908, when he became master mechanic for the Toledo & Ohio Central, he was general foreman of the shops at Bucyrus. Mr. Luscombe fills a very responsible position and enjoys the entire confidence of the company.

Mr. Luscombe was married at St. Thomas, Can., to Miss Alberta Bradley, who was born at Chicago, Ill., a daughter of George and Emma (Oxley) Bradley, natives of England, who now reside in Alberta, Canada. Mrs. Luscombe is the eldest of four children, the others being: George J.; Mrs. H. L. Emmet, of Chicago; and Alice, wife of George Martin, also of Chicago. Mr. and Mrs. Luscombe have two sons, Harold Bradley, who was born in November, 1904, and Edgar Allen, born September, 1908. They are members of

the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. Luscombe belongs to the minor orders of Masonry at Bucyrus and to the Commandery at Marion, O., and is identified also with the Elks.

Note.—Since this sketch was made Mr. Luscombe has resigned his position with the T. & O. C. to accept a more responsible position with the Big Four R. R. and is now located at Bellefontaine, Logan county, O.

EDWARD KAVANAGH, who has a long and honorable record as an employe of the Erie Railroad Company, having become identified with the same in June, 1872, when it was known as the A. & G. W. Railroad and the Broad Gauge. He was born at London, Canada, Feb. 1, 1858, and is a son of Thomas and Bridget (Shae) Kavanagh.

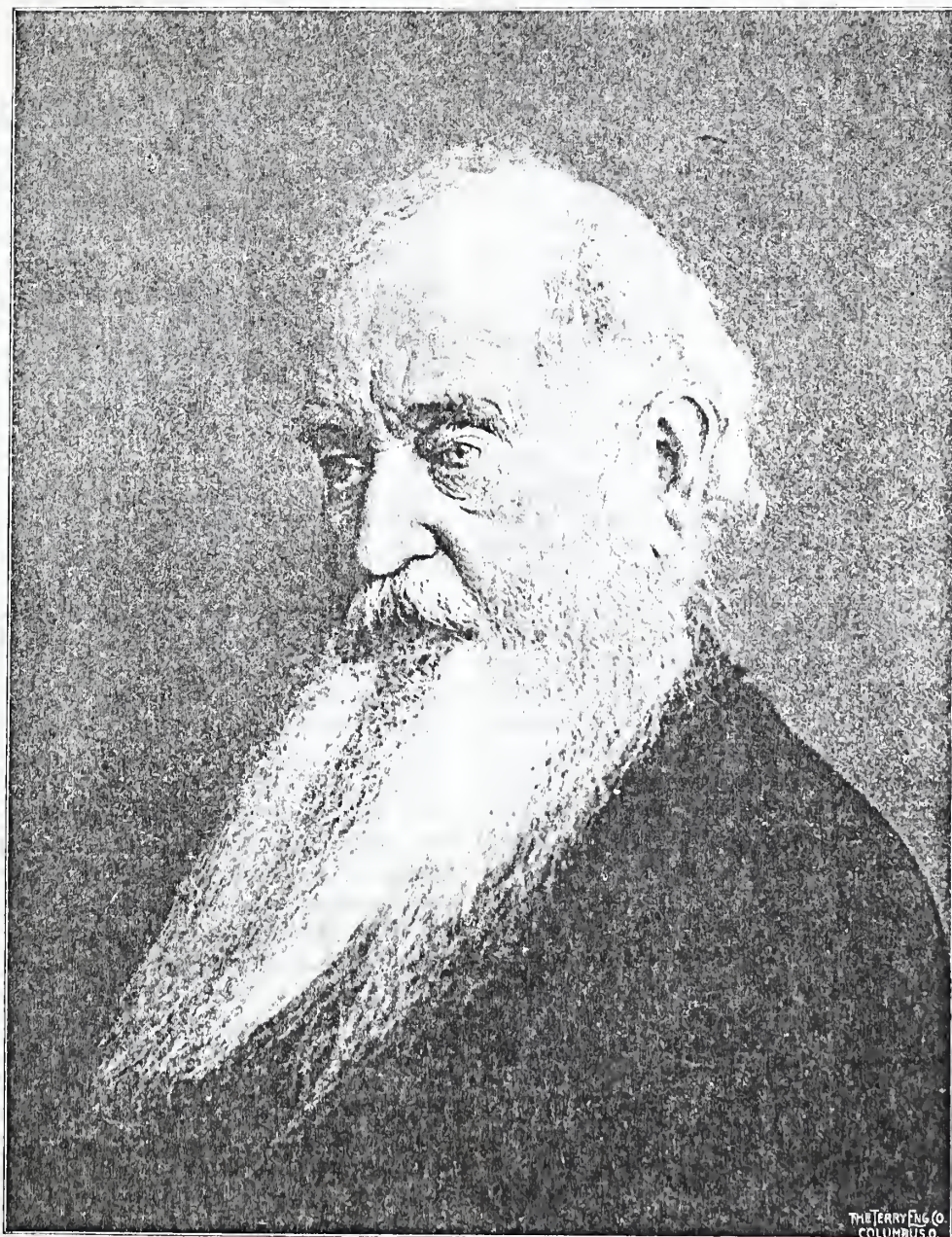
Thomas Kavanagh and wife were born in Ireland, the former being a son of Martin and Juda (Delaney) Kavanagh, natives of County Kilkenny. When Thomas Kavanagh was young he went to live with an aunt, who apprenticed him to a shoemaker to learn his trade. Four years afterward he went to London and worked in different English cities before coming to the United States in 1846. For some time he worked at his trade on King Street, New York City, after which he went to Philadelphia and from there to other places and finally crossed the line into Canada and located at London. There he met Bridget Shae, a daughter of William and Johanna (Kennedy) Shae, who spent their lives in Ireland, the daughter having come to Canada in 1852. She lived at London, Canada, some four years before her marriage to Mr. Kavanagh. In 1863 Mr. and Mrs. Kavanagh moved to Cleveland, O., and afterwards moved to Kent, where Mr. Kavanagh died in May, 1904, his birth having taken place March 5, 1819. Mrs. Kavanagh survives and resides at Kent. She was born March 24, 1830. She is a member of the Roman Catholic church as was her husband. They had sixteen children born to

them, Edward being the only survivor of this large family.

Edward Kavanagh began at the bottom when he entered the service of the Erie Railroad, working at first in the mechanical department, from which he was promoted to be a hostler. In January, 1883, he was given a position as fireman and continued as such until December, 1886, when he was made an engineer and has filled this position ever since, for the past ten years being in the passenger service. Mr. Kavanagh has handled every known make of engine, from the little primitive one that was fed with wood, to the great giants of the road that only men of real engineering knowledge can control, be the motive power steam or electricity. He is justly proud of the fact that he has never received a reprimand for dereliction of duty since he came to the road. He has witnessed many changes in ownership and in operating and has kept a record of these which makes interesting reading concerning this very important line.

Mr. Kavanagh was married to Miss Agnes King and they had the following children: Arthur Lewis, a railroad conductor on the Erie, who lives at Huntington, Ind., and has a family of one son and two daughters; George, who was accidentally killed at the age of fifteen years, by a switch engine, while working for the Erie as a call boy; John E., who is in the pattern department of a steel bridge manufacturing plant at Chicago; and Catherine V., who is the wife of T. T. Glennor, residing in Pennsylvania, and has one son. Mr. Kavanagh was married (second) to Mrs. Lydia A. Firstenberger, widow of Jacob Firstenberger, who died in 1900. She was born and reared at Marion, O., her family name being Dutt. Mr. Kavanagh is a member of Division No. 16, B. L. E., and for twelve years was its chief and in 1898 was sent as a delegate to the Convention of Engineers held at St. Louis, Mo. He has been chairman of the General Committee of Adjustment from Division 16 for the past ten years.

Mr. and Mrs. Kavanagh have been ex-



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tensive travelers, having visited almost every state in the union and also Mexico and Canada. He relates many stories of interest of his travels as well as incidents relative to his work as an engineer but they would occupy too much space to be given here.

MAJOR EDMUND ROBERTS KEARSLEY, deceased, whose birth took place at Harrisburg, Pa., May 18, 1816, died at his palatial residence, No. 309 East Mansfield Street, Bucyrus, O., in January, 1901. His long and busy life had covered an important epoch in his country's history and his personal experiences, in public and military life, form an interesting and instructive record. Descended from military ancestors, all his life, even in old age, he continued to be interested in military affairs, favoring and substantially encouraging a military organization at Bucyrus, bearing his name, when past his four score years and ten, in their spirit and enthusiasm living over again many of the events of his own earlier life.

Edmund Roberts Kearsley was the first child born to Major Jonathan Kearsley and Margaret (Hetich) Kearsley, and a grandson of Captain Samuel Kearsley, with whom he lived for some years after the death of his mother, in 1821. His father, Major Jonathan Kearsley, graduated at Washington College, Pa., now called Washington and Jefferson College, in 1811, and in the following year was appointed by President Madison, a lieutenant in the U. S. Artillery, and in 1814 was commissioned assistant adjutant-general, with the rank of major. He was engaged in the battles of Niagara, Stony Creek and Chrysler's Field, and in the sortie from Fort Erie, in which latter engagement he was so seriously wounded that it resulted in the loss of a leg. In 1817 he was appointed collector of revenue in Pennsylvania, and in 1820, receiver of public moneys for the District of Michigan, at which time he removed to Detroit, where he resided until his death. There his son, the late Edmund Roberts Kearsley joined him in 1825 and immediately became a pupil in the public schools. His father then sent him to a private school at Utica, N. Y., and from 1829 until 1832 he was a student at Kenyon Col-

lege, O. Upon his return to Detroit he became assistant receiver in the Michigan Land Office, under his father, in which capacity he attracted the attention of Major John Biddle, register of the Land Office, who requested the transfer of so efficient a helper to his department. As chief clerk of this important office, Major Kearsley continued until 1840, when failing health caused his resignation. From then until 1847 he resided on his father's farm of 600 acres located in Oakland county, Mich. About this time he returned to Detroit and entered into business. He superintended the erection of the Biddle House at Detroit, which was one of the largest and most complete hotels in the state of Michigan for many years.

His first connection with military matters was when he assisted in the organization of the Brady Guards, a well drilled body of young men that did excellent service during the troubles along the Canadian and Michigan border during the rebellion of 1837-8 in the Dominion. During this time Captain Kearsley was appointed assistant adjutant with the rank of major, a title he retained until the close of life. Later he was appointed assistant quartermaster-general of Michigan and while in that position served, with Captain U. S. Grant, who later became commander of the army and subsequently President of the United States. A warm personal friendship existed between them until the death of General Grant. Major Kearsley's active participation in military affairs was not so much on the field as in the no less necessary official departments which regulate and make possible effective action on the battle ground, and his sincerity, honesty and general efficiency, which were ever placed at the service of his country in time of need. Perhaps no man in Crawford county, O., to which state he removed in 1851, could have so advantageously and peacefully managed the difficult matter of carrying out the law, in 1862, as did he as draft officer. Where another equally patriotic official might have brought about local trouble as the minds of men were inflamed by partisan feeling at that time, Major Kearsley's tact, diplomacy, understanding of human nature, together with his personal high character inspiring confidence, brought about satisfactory

results and Crawford county sent in its full quota.

As noted above, Major Kearsley came to Bucyrus early in 1851 and this city remained his home during the rest of his life. At that time his maternal uncle, Hon. Charles Hetich, was county treasurer of Crawford county, and Major Kearsley became his assistant and in the following year was made deputy auditor and in 1853 was elected auditor. So popular an official had he become that in 1855 he was nominated for a third term by both parties and elected, this being a notable occurrence in Crawford county that has never since been repeated. It was during his term of official life that he superintended the erection of numerous buildings of a public nature, including the first brick jail ever built in the county. He continued his interest in county affairs after retiring from office, cheerfully giving advice when consulted, his many years of experience making this particularly valuable. Bucyrus is indebted to him in many ways for he was ever awake to the city's needs and was ready to lend his influence and give substantial support to all measures which he deemed worthy of the same. Through his energy and financial assistance the Bucyrus Memorial Library became a fact and it was a pleasure to him to continue his benefactions to this institution. From the time he reached manhood until the closing years of his life, his gifts to people in all walks were numerous and continuous, but in large part his benefactions were given quietly and with no thought or desire that public approval should mark them. In early life a Whig, he later became a Democrat although he gave political support in the election of President Lincoln.

Major Kearsley was married in Illinois, to Miss Susan Phillips, who was born April 5, 1827, at Salem, O., and was 18 months old when her people came to Bucyrus, where she has spent all her life with the exception of three years, during which period she lived with an aunt in Illinois. Her father, James Lewis Phillips, was born in Ohio, Jan. 14, 1798, and died Sept. 20, 1827. His father, Robert P. Phillips, was born in Wales, July 21, 1773, and came to America when a young man and became a teamster and carrier, first in Pennsylvania and later at Salem, O., where he also

conducted a tannery. He married Susanna Snyder, who was of Dutch descent. James Lewis Phillips was married in Ohio, Dec. 16, 1824, by Rev. Kenneth Vallandingham, who, it may be noted, later baptized their daughter, Mrs. Kearsley, to Maria McCracken, who was born April 25, 1796. Her parents were James and Susan (Kelley) McCracken, the latter of whom was a distant relative of General Grant's maternal ancestors. The McCrackens came from Scotland and the family was well known in Wayne county, O., and at Columbus. After the death of her husband, Mrs. Maria Phillips left Salem and with her two daughters, Samantha and Susan, came to Bucyrus, where her kindred lived and here her death occurred October 14, 1834. Mrs. Kearsley's only sister died unmarried, Jan. 5, 1872.

Major Kearsley was married (first) July 2, 1857, to Martha C. Sweney, who was born at Gettysburg, Pa., in 1824, and died at Bucyrus, in 1874. Two children were born to that union: an infant daughter, who died on the day of birth; and Rebecca M., who was born Nov. 28, 1866, and who married Elmer L. White, of Pittsburgh, Pa. They had one daughter, Margaret Sara, who resides with her grandmother, at Bucyrus. The family has been identified with the Presbyterian church for many years and in this relation Major Kearsley was faithful and conscientious. He belonged to the Sons of the American Revolution and was justly proud of this connection, and he was also affiliated with the old fraternities, the Masons and Odd Fellows.

DR. JAMES F. FITZSIMMONS, who at the time of his death on April 12th, 1910, was the oldest practicing physician in Bucyrus, was also a citizen widely known and much esteemed. He was born on a farm in Whetstone township, this county, Sept. 18, 1843, and was therefore in his 67th year at the time of his demise. His parents were William and Anna E. (Holman) Fitzsimmons, who came overland to Bucyrus from Huntingdon county, Pa., in 1831, settling in Whetstone township.

The subject of this sketch was reared on his parents' farm and there resided until his nineteenth year, when he went to Up-

per Sandusky, where he attended school for several terms. In May, 1864, he enlisted in the 134th O. V. I., and was discharged with his comrades in August of that year. In the fall of 1864 he attended the Vermillion Institute at Hayesville, O., remaining until the summer of 1865, when he entered the office of Drs. Ferris and Byron at Upper Sandusky. In the winter of 1865-66 he attended his first course of lectures at Charity Hospital Medical College at Cleveland, going thence to Ft. Wayne, Ind., where he studied and practiced with Dr. J. S. Gregg of that place until 1867. He then entered Chicago Medical College from which he was graduated in March, 1868.

Resuming practice in Ft. Wayne, he remained there until 1871 and then engaged in special practice in Cincinnati for a short time. In June, 1871, he located in Bucyrus, which place was his home and the scene of his professional activities until his death. Just previous to that final event he had been appointed a member of the county board of pension examiners. He was a member of Keller Post, G. A. R., had served as presiding officer of the Board of Health in past years; held membership and office in the Crawford County Medical Society and in the Royal Arcanum. He also held membership in Summit City Lodge No. 170 A. F. & A. M. of Ft. Wayne, Ind., and in Bucyrus Chapter, No. 160, R. A. M., and was Past Worthy Patron of Bucyrus Chapter No. 3, Order of the Eastern Star.

Dr. Fitzsimmons was married Jan. 1, 1872, to Miss Ella Ryan, an adopted daughter of G. L. Saulsbury, a prominent business man of Bucyrus, well known throughout the county. Mr. Saulsbury was a native of the State of New York and married there Nancy R. Dedrick. He and his wife spent their lives subsequently in Michigan and Ohio, both dying in Toledo, this State, as also their children. Mrs. Fitzsimmons was born in Ireland and in 1861 came to Bucyrus, where she was educated and has since resided. Her father, Michael Ryan, married there Mary Cantwell, who was born in Clonmell, the walled town in Tipperary county and the scene of many early battles.

She was of French extraction. Michael and Mary Ryan had ten children, all but four of whom died in Ireland. The survivors accompanied their parents to America, the family settling first in Hartford, Conn., and there the wife and mother died in middle age. Mr. Ryan married a second time and came to Ohio, locating in Marion county, where he and his second wife died, he at the age of about 70 years. They were members of the Roman Catholic church. Mrs. Fitzsimmons was the youngest of ten children and is the only one now living. Her children are three in number, namely: Ralph J., a well educated young man, died in 1909 unmarried. Nellie E. graduated from the School of Oratory at Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill., later was for eight years sociator of the Bucyrus Forum and a city reporter for three years on the now resides in Spokane, Wash. Myra Les-evening Telegram. She is unmarried and lie is the wife of Walter M. Hubbell, assistant secretary of the American Clay Machinery Co., of Bucyrus, O., and has a daughter, Myra Leslie (2d). The family are all members of the Presbyterian church.

Dr. Fitzsimmons' death was very sudden and was due to heart disease, which had not previously troubled him to any great extent. He was sweeping the veranda of his home when he suddenly fell back and in a few moments life was extinct. We cannot sum up his character better than to quote an extract from his obituary notice in a local journal. The writer says: "Dr. Fitzsimmons was a gentleman of the old school, a man of irreproachable character and strong moral uprightness. In character and personality he fulfilled in every particular the requirements of the noblest of professions and his heart was ever in his work. A man of courtly bearing and manner, he was one who justly earned the respect, confidence and veneration of old and young alike. No citizen of Bucyrus was more generally esteemed and more genuinely respected than Dr. Fitzsimmons. He was a man of modest tastes, with a distinct leaning for home life and for a period of years he has lived busily yet quietly here among

the friends of his young manhood and of his later years. He has come to the end of the journey. The call, sudden though it was, found him fully prepared, as he had always been at all times, with a clean heart and mind, to meet his maker wherever the summons should call him. He leaves behind the record of a clean life worthily lived, than which a better monument to his memory could never be reared."

JOHN C. CRANER, township assessor of Bucyrus township, Crawford county, O., and a well known citizen, has been engaged in farming in this section for a number of years, renting land and since 1906 has owned 29 acres which are highly productive. He was born in Crawford county, Nov. 27, 1868, and is a son of Christian and Magdalena (Shaffer) Craner.

Christian Craner was born in Crawford county and still survives, residing in Polk township, but his wife passed away some years ago and her burial was in Marion county. They had the following children: Malinda, deceased, who was the wife of Jacob Sargel; Samuel W.; Francis; Cassie, who is the wife of William McCracken; Elmer J. and John C. Christian Craner has always been a farmer and is well known in the county. He is a member of the German Methodist church as was his wife.

After his school days, John C. Craner assisted his father and then engaged at farm work by the month and continued for about nine years, having considerable experience with all kinds of farm methods. He then rented the farm on which he yet lives and still operates but since 1906 has owned 29 acres.

Mr. Craner was married Dec. 29, 1892, to Miss Margaret Stuckman, a member of one of the well known families of this township, and they have five children: Archie B., Reba, Rollin, Velma and Donald. Mr. Craner and family attend the United Brethren church. He belongs to the Knights of Pythias lodge at Bucyrus and is one of the active members of the Democratic party in Bucyrus township.

WILLIAM J. SCHWENCK, prosecuting attorney of Crawford county, O., and a prominent Democratic politician, has been a member of the Bucyrus bar ever since he entered into legal practice in 1900. He was born in this county, Oct. 18, 1874, and is a son of Hieronymus and Anna M. (Zimmer) Schwenck, both parents being now deceased. The father was a farmer and there were eight children in the family circle.

William J. Schwenck began his education in the public schools and later attended the Ohio Normal University, from which he was graduated in 1898. Subsequent to this he entered the law department of the Ohio State University and was graduated from that institution in June, 1900. During his vacation he read law in the office of Phil M. Crow at Kenton, O., and shortly after his admission to the bar, in April, 1902, he was elected city solicitor of Bucyrus, serving until 1906. On Nov. 8, 1910, Mr. Schwenck was elected prosecuting attorney for the county and, as above stated, has served in this office ever since, his official record showing that he possesses in high degree those qualities which are essential to the proper performance of its very important duties.

Mr. Schwenck married Miss Ruth France, a daughter of William France, who was born in Pennsylvania. They are members of the Lutheran church, and he is a prominent member of the Bucyrus lodge of Eagles.

M. A. WINEMILLER, treasurer and general manager of the Galion Handle & Manufacturing Company, of Galion, O., an important business enterprise of this city, is a thoroughly experienced man in this line, having been connected with manufacturing industries since boyhood. He was born at Wapakoneta, Auglaize county, O., in 1861, and is a son of Michael and Matilda (Lucas) Winemiller.

Michael Winemiller was born in one of the Rhine provinces, Germany, and was six years of age when his parents brought him to the United States. The family located in Auglaize county, O., in the early thirties.



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where Michael Winemiller passed the rest of his life, becoming a farmer and blacksmith, and dying at the age of 76 years. He was married in the same county to Matilda Lucas, who was born in Kentucky and from there came to Ohio in young womanhood and lived to be 75 years old. Her father, Israel Lucas, died while serving as a soldier in the Civil War. To Michael Winemiller and wife five sons and one daughter were born, all of whom survive and all are well settled in homes of their own.

M. A. Winemiller entered a handle factory after leaving school and worked at Winchester, Ind., and at Attica and Piqua, O., being foreman of the plant at Piqua and manager at Attica. He was a member of the board of directors and treasurer of the Winchester D. Handle Company, manufacturing D and long handles. Mr. Winemiller was concerned in the establishing of the Galion Handle & Manufacturing Company, at Galion, in 1907, and has been treasurer and general manager ever since. This is an incorporated concern, capitalized at \$15,000, its officers being: Anton Kahn, president; Allen Miller; J. S. Winemiller and M. A. Winemiller, with a board of five directors. Employment is given to thirty people and the output of farm tool handles, about three car loads a month, are sold in England and Germany.

Mr. Winemiller was married at New Bremen, O., to Miss Julia C. Staas, who was born in Auglaize county, O., of German parentage. They attend the Friends' church. Fraternally, Mr. Winemiller is connected with the Odd Fellows at Winchester, Indiana.

JOHN J. KURTZ, one of the progressive and successful farmers and stock dealers of Whetstone township, Crawford county, O., owning thoroughbred stock and registered sheep, belongs to one of the old and substantial families of this section. He was born in Whetstone township, Oct. 14, 1870, and is a son of John George and Catherine (Gaibler) Kurtz.

The parents of Mr. Kurtz were born in Germany and for a few years after coming

to the United States, John George Kurtz lived in Pennsylvania and then came on to Crawford county, O., being then 11 years of age. He followed farming all his active life and was a highly respected man. John George Kurtz was married (first) to Catherine Sherer and they had two children, Jacob and Samuel, the latter being deceased. He married (second) Catherine Gaibler who was brought to Crawford county by her parents and still survives, making her home with a daughter, Mrs. S. F. Sherer. They had the following children: Isaac; Benjamin; Mary, wife of Simon F. Sherer; Elizabeth, wife of Dr. C. H. Senn; Laura, who is the wife of C. A. Koppe; and John J. The parents of the above family were members of the German Methodist church.

John J. Kurtz attended the public schools. He has spent his entire life on the home farm, having an interest as an heir to the 200-acre tract, and is one of the prosperous agriculturists of Whetstone township. He is one of the leaders in the stock industry and makes a specialty of American Delaine sheep. In addition to farming the homestead he also manages 80 acres belonging to his wife.

On Dec. 25, 1901, Mr. Kurtz was married to Miss Matilda Sherer, the only daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth (Haller) Sherer, both of whom are now deceased. Mr. Sherer was a prominent man in Whetstone township and served for many years in public office. Mr. and Mrs. Kurtz have one son, Harold, who was born June 7, 1903. They attend the German Methodist church. Nominally Mr. Kurtz is a Democrat but is somewhat independent in his political tendencies.

WILLIAM M. REID, deceased, was born in Whetstone township, Crawford county, O., Nov. 23, 1834, and died at his home in Bucyrus, O., July 30, 1909. His parents were Rev. George and Mary A. (Foster) Reid.

Rev. George Reid was born in the north of Ireland, Jan. 7, 1812, a son of George Reid. The family came to the United

States in 1824, crossing the Atlantic Ocean in one of the old sailing vessels that required three months to make a voyage that is now completed in a week. The Reids landed on the coast of Virginia, but moved by degrees farther north, driving their teams on up through New York until they reached Jamestown, where they tarried for a time and then pushed into Ohio. Grandfather George Reid died in Wayne county. For some years the Reids lived at Sandusky and then came to Crawford county, where they secured four sections of Government land. They were not only pioneers but people of purpose and enterprise. Their land was speedily cleared and put under cultivation and while they flailed their first yield of wheat, they were the first to invest in a tread-mill thresher, which was then considered a wonder of agricultural machinery. The Reids brought the first grass mower into the county and were ever ready to test the utility of new inventions. The bricks with which they built their houses they burned and molded on their own farm; they tanned the hides of their own cattle and made leather and also fashioned their own shoes, while the women of the family were no less busy and resourceful. From the flax raised on the farm, mothers and daughters wove linen of amazing softness of texture and the heavy winter clothing came also from their busy looms, the wool from their own sheep. Pages might be written of the remarkable accomplishments of both the fathers and mothers of those early days and in considering them, their descendants must give testimony of honor and praise.

While the settlement of a representative family like the Reids was a benefit to the county, it was particularly helpful to Whetstone township and there it became a prominent factor in all affairs. Rev. George Reid was a missionary preacher and paid his own way when necessary, although in every community a pioneer welcome awaited him. He felt a special call to preach to the Indians and established a mission church in Wyandot county, the old structure being a landmark, standing in the midst of an old

Indian burying ground. With the help of his sons he developed a fine farm on which he lived until after the death of his first wife, who was the mother of his five children: Robert, who was born July 15, 1832, and died in 1860; William M.; Hugh, who was born August 10, 1837, and died in 1844; George, who was born August 30, 1841, and who now resides on his farm in Iowa; and Rachel, who was born April 3, 1843, and died in 1845. After his second marriage, Rev. George Reid located at Ada, O., and later, while on a visit, died at the home of his son, William M., at Bucyrus, when aged about 68 years.

William M. Reid was given somewhat better educational advantages than many country boys of the period enjoyed, his father having him attend the district schools regularly and later sending him to Columbus to take a course in a commercial college. In the early fifties, with his brother, Robert Reid, he came to Bucyrus, where they embarked in the dry goods business together. Later, William M. Reid, about 1856, went into the general store business under the firm name of Reid, Butterfield & Co. In 1865 he became senior member of the firm of Reid, Kaler & Malic, dealers in grain, seeds and produce, and in this line continued and became a prosperous merchant. From early manhood he was a Republican and at different times was elected to public office and once was mayor of Bucyrus. In all his enterprises and connections he was honest, reliable and dependable and no man was held in higher esteem by his fellow citizens. He never identified himself with many fraternal organizations but became interested in the Knights of Honor and was a charter member of this order at Bucyrus and belonged also to the Royal Arcanum. He united early with the Presbyterian church, in which he long served as an elder, and for twenty-one years was superintendent of the Sunday-school.

Mr. Reid was married (first) December 31, 1861, to Miss Mary E. Modewell, who was born in Crawford county, August 10, 1863, and died when aged 25 years, five

months and nine days. Her parents were Adam and Susan (Kelley) Modewell, who were leading people of Bucyrus at that time. Mrs. Reid was survived by one daughter, Anna M., who is a teacher in Honolulu. Mr. Reid's second marriage took place at Bucyrus, August 16, 1864, to Miss Emily McCracken, who was born at Sulphur Springs, Crawford county, in 1844, a daughter of John and Sarah Marian (David) McCracken. The father was born in Wayne county, O., of Scotch-Irish parentage. He came to Bucyrus and here met and married, his wife having been a school teacher here before any school-house was built, having her classes in a part of her uncle's store. Afterward Mr. and Mrs. McCracken moved to Sulphur Springs and she died there at the age of 41 years. Mr. McCracken married (second) Mrs. Huldah (Kent) McCullough, and two children were born: Genetta, who is the widow of Robert Colmary and the mother of two children; and Jay, who died at Fort Wayne, Ind., survived by his widow. To the first marriage of Mr. McCracken the following children were born: Rachel, who died in infancy; Margaret, now deceased, who was the wife of David Lewis, also deceased; and Mrs. Reid. John McCracken died at Bucyrus, when more than 60 years of age.

To Mr. and Mrs. Reid the following children were born: Edward George, Margaret, Lathrop Tracy, William Thane, Charles Talmadge, Robert Scott, Susan Mariman, Lois Emily and James McCracken. Edward George Reid was born May 19, 1867, and was educated at Bucyrus. He succeeded his father in business and is a representative citizen of Bucyrus. On April 26, 1898, he enlisted for service in the war with Spain, becoming sergeant-major in the 8th O. Vol. Inf., the other officers being, Capt. M. A. Charlton, Lieut.-Col. (now Senator) Dick, Col. C. V. Hard, of Wooster, O., and Maj. Edward Follrath, of Bucyrus, O. While with his regiment at Santiago, Cuba, he was prostrated with the yellow fever and he was sent to a hospital, where, through the efficiency of Miss Anna Wheeler, the noble daughter of General

Wheeler, who was giving her services as a nurse, he recovered his health. He was honorably discharged with his regiment in November, 1898, and resumed business, dealing in grain, hay, seeds and building materials as before the war. He is past commander of Charles Thoman Camp Spanish American War Veterans and is identified with a number of fraternal organizations. Politically he is a Republican and is serving as a member of the school, public parks and library boards and the Board of Health. In 1909 he was married to Miss Maude E. McCarrell and they have one daughter, Mary Emily. Margaret Reid was born June 26, 1868, and died July 1, 1870. Lathrop Tracy Reid was born April 26, 1870, and is an engineer on the L. & N. Railroad, resides at Cloverport, Ky., is married and has seven children. William Thane Reid was born December 4, 1871, and died in promising manhood, in California. Charles Talmadge, who was born November 19, 1873, is a commercial traveler with the Hess, Clark Company, resides at Ashland, O., married Virgie Laughbaum and they have two children, Dorothy and Robert. Robert Scott Reid was born July 16, 1876, and is a physician in practice at Ocean Side, Calif., a graduate of the Columbus Medical College in the class of 1897. He married Millie Hoover and they have one daughter, Elizabeth. Susan M. Reid was born July 27, 1879. She is a graduate of Lewis Institute, in the department of Domestic Science, Chicago. She is the wife of J. H. Norton and they live at Riverside, Calif., and have two sons, Richard and John. Lois Emily Reid was born January 30, 1882. She is a trained nurse, a graduate of the Presbyterian Hospital Training School, Chicago. James McCracken Reid was born October 8, 1885, and is a resident of Los Angeles, Calif., where he is connected with the Wells, Fargo Express Company. He married Gertrude Bean. Mrs. Reid and family are all members of the Presbyterian church. She is vice president of the Foreign Missionary Society at Bucyrus.

HON. LEWIS H. BATTEFELD, who is serving in his second term as a member of the Ohio State Legislature and thereby adding prestige to the city of Bucyrus, of which he has been a resident since 1860, was born at Columbus, O., in 1842, one of a family of four children born to his parents, Lewis and Christina (Biber) Battefeld, the latter of whom was a daughter of Conrad and Christina (Utz) Biber, all of whom were natives of Germany.

At the early age of seven years Lewis H. Battefeld was left an orphan, both of his parents having died of cholera in the epidemic of 1849. He was reared in the home of his maternal grandfather, in Cranberry township, Crawford county, and attended the country schools. After coming to Bucyrus, in 1860, he learned the trade of saddle and harness making, which he followed for 14 years, when he became interested in the manufacture of brick and drain tile, in which line he continued for 35 years, building up a large business from a small beginning. There are many men so engrossed in business that public matters have no interest for them but fortunately not all are so absorbed, there being others who have a wider outlook and more ambition. Among these may be classed Mr. Battefeld. A Democrat from principle from the time of his majority, he soon made his influence felt in Crawford county and eventually became a leader of his party. In 1869 he was appointed city marshal of Bucyrus and at the same time was township constable. From 1886 until 1892 he was a trustee of Bucyrus township and in 1895 took up the duties of a member of the board of county commissioners, his election having been accomplished in the previous year, and three years later was re-elected to this office and for two years he was president of the County Commissioners' Association of Ohio. In 1900 he was a delegate to the Democratic National Convention held at Kansas City, from the 13th Congressional District of Ohio, having previously served in the same capacity in other political gatherings in county, state and country, and for a number of years served as chairman of that im-

portant organization, the Democratic county central committee. In 1909 Mr. Battefeld was elected to the legislature and approval of his course as a statesman was shown by his subsequent re-election. He is well known all over the state and his associates and friends are men of equal prominence and reliability.

Mr. Battefeld was married at Bucyrus to Miss Phillipina Krebs, a daughter of Frederick A. and Christina (Weibel) Krebs, natives of Bavaria, Germany, but at that time residents of Liberty township, Crawford county. Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Battefeld: Cordelia S., who died in 1886; and Lewis P. The latter is a railroad and general contractor, doing a large business at Bucyrus. Mr. Battefeld and family are members of the Lutheran church. He is identified with the Odd Fellows and the Elks, while Lewis P. Battefeld is a Mason.

CHARLES R. MILLER, one of the leading farmers of Whetstone township, Crawford county, O., who numbers with his many substantial possessions, two excellent farms, one of 135 acres and the other of seventy acres, was born in Bucyrus township, Crawford county, Aug. 11, 1857, and is a son of Daniel and Maria (Lemon) Miller.

Daniel Miller was born in Seneca county, O., but spent the larger portion of his life in Crawford county, where he was a successful farmer. He was a quiet, steady, industrious man, a lover of his home and family and a consistent member of the Lutheran church. He married Maria Lemon, who was born in the State of New York and in early life accompanied her parents to Seneca county, O., where her death occurred and both she and husband rest side by side in Oakwood Cemetery at Bucyrus. She was a devout member of the Baptist church. They had the following children: Hannah Jane, deceased, who was the wife of Abel Dewalt; John D.; Henrietta, who is deceased; and Charles R., Frank E., Cassius C. and Lemon S.

Charles R. Miller remained with his

father on the home farm until he was 21 years of age, in the meanwhile attending school in the winter months, and when he started out for himself was quite well equipped, his knowledge of farming securing him remunerative employment. When the agricultural season was over he engaged in teaming and when spring came again resumed farming and through prudence and industry has become a man of independent means. He has been an active and useful citizen, giving support to the public schools and exerting his influence for the betterment of his community whenever opportunity has offered.

On Jan. 1, 1879, Mr. Miller was married to Miss Catherine Eichelberger, a daughter of Isaac and Catherine (Bibler) Eichelberger. They were farming people in Crawford county, O. Mrs. Miller has two brothers and two sisters: David, Noah, Polly and Betsey. To Mr. and Mrs. Miller the following children were born: Bertha May, who died when aged five months; Clara Irene, who married Curtis Stofer and has one child, Ethel Marie; Orville B., who married Mary Mullencupp, and has one child, Desta Irene; and Earl Roland, who died at the age of thirteen months. Nominally Mr. Miller is a Republican but in some campaigns he is inclined to be independent, casting his vote rather for man than party. He has served as township constable and several times as supervisor and enjoys the confidence and respect of his fellow citizens very generally.

ALEXANDER M. KERR, a retired farmer and highly respected resident of Bucyrus, O., belongs to one of the old and representative families of Crawford county, of Scotch ancestry. He was born March 4, 1846, in Whetstone township, Crawford county, O., and is a son of William and Jane (Clark) Kerr.

In early days the great-grandparents of Alexander M. Kerr migrated from Scotland to near Dublin, Ireland, and reared their children and died there. One son, William Kerr, grandfather of Alexander M., came to the United States in 1800 and shortly after-

ward settled in Juniata county, Pa. He was married there to a lady by the name of Stewart, who died in Pennsylvania and was survived by a daughter, Nancy, who later married and became the mother of several children. William Kerr, Sr., was then married to a widow, Mrs. Sarah (Abrams) Elder, and they continued to reside in Juniata county until after the birth of their children, four in number—Alexander, Sarah, William and James—and then decided to come to Ohio. This was in 1832 and they made the long journey in wagons and finally reached Whetstone township, Crawford county, the whole country being then but a wilderness of forest and tangled prairie. The land on which they settled had been slightly improved by a former owner, so that they found a shelter provided which was better than was the fate of some other settlers who came into this section about the same time. Here William Kerr, Sr., died, prior to 1845, and his widow survived him for seven years. They were among the founders of the Presbyterian church in Whetstone township and were people of exemplary life and were widely known for their pioneer hospitality.

William Kerr, Jr., father of Alexander M. Kerr, of Bucyrus, was born August 24, 1808, and died September 23, 1888. He was twenty-four years old when his parents came to Crawford county, where his subsequent life was spent, farming being his main interest. He was married in Whetstone township, Feb. 14, 1837, to Miss Jane Clark, who was born in Wayne county, O., Dec. 4, 1810, and died July 3, 1884. She was brought to Crawford county by her father, Archibald Clark, in 1821, after the death of her mother, in Wayne county, O. Archibald Clark was one of the first settlers in Whetstone township, where he became a man of importance and of large fortune. He died there Dec. 30, 1875, aged 85 years. The Clarks were of Scotch-Irish extraction and were Presbyterians in religious faith. To William Kerr, Jr., and his wife the following children were born: Archibald C., Sarah and Alexander M. Archibald C. Kerr was born Feb. 6, 1838, and was reared

n Whetstone township and remained at home until he enlisted for service in the Civil War, Aug. 1, 1862, in the 81st O. Vol. Inf.; he died from fever at Corinth, Miss., Dec. 1, 1862. He was unmarried. Sarah, his only daughter, was born March 26, 1839. She married James Wise, and they resided on their farm in Wyandot county. They had one daughter, Daisey V., who died after her marriage.

Alexander M. Kerr grew to manhood on the home farm and continued to reside there until after his marriage, when he settled on a farm of 140 acres situated in Holmes township. There he engaged successfully in agricultural pursuits until he retired from active business life, in March, 1906. Mr. Kerr is a man of intelligence and observation and keeps well informed concerning all that goes on in public affairs. He is independent in politics, believing in personal freedom of thought and is pronounced in his attitude in favor of temperance. He is a member of the Presbyterian church.

Mr. Kerr was married at Bucyrus, Dec. 23, 1874, to Miss Sarah J. Franz, who was born April 17, 1852, the youngest of five children born to her parents and the only one surviving. She was very carefully and thoroughly educated, graduating with the first class after the new Union School building was completed at Bucyrus, at which time the first certificates of graduation were issued. She was chosen to deliver the first class address.

The parents of Mrs. Kerr were Col. John and Jane (Burwell) Franz. Col. Franz was born in Germany, Aug. 12, 1812, and died of an attack of apoplexy, Nov. 14, 1870. In his youth death removed his parents and he was reared by an uncle until the age of 18 years. He then emigrated alone to America and found his way to Galion, Crawford county, O., where he learned the cabinetmaking trade, which he pursued until 1857, in the meanwhile so impressing his fellow citizens with his sterling character that in that year they elected him sheriff of Crawford county. He served two terms, four years, in this office. When the Civil War broke out he became interested,

having previously been active in the state militia, and was commissioned lieutenant-colonel of the 101st O. Vol. Inf. He served for a time but was forced to resign on account of the recurrence of an old ailment which rendered military exposure impossible. After his return to private life he was again called into public affairs, being elected to the office of county treasurer, and was serving in his second term when his useful life was terminated as mentioned above. He was an ardent Democrat all his mature life and served in many local offices including membership on the board of education. He was widely known in the Masonic fraternity and was a Mason of the thirty-second degree.

Col. John Franz was married in Ohio to Jane Burwell, who was born in Harrison county, O., May 21, 1815, and died at Bucyrus, in 1902. Her people were old settlers in Harrison county and came to Crawford county when she was young. The Burwells, like the Franz's and Kerrs were Presbyterian in religious faith. Mrs. Kerr had three brothers and one sister. Jay B. Franz died in 1910. He was thrice married but left no issue. William Franz was widely known as the inventor of the Franz Knitting Machine, which has had a remarkable sale notwithstanding the competition afforded by factory knitting. He realized an ample fortune from this invention. He was married in Ohio and had four children, three of whom survive. John S. Franz died at Jacksonville, Fla. He had early interests of a substantial character at Tampa. He married there and is survived by three children. Kate E., the only sister of Mrs. Kerr, died at Bucyrus. She was the wife of J. R. Clymer, a prominent journalist of Crawford county, who is also deceased. They are survived by two sons and one daughter.

To Mr. and Mrs. Kerr three sons have been born, two of whom survive. William Franz, the eldest, was born Nov. 6, 1875, and died Aug. 24, 1876. Jay Alexander, the second son, was born Oct. 25, 1882, was given excellent educational advantages and is now a prosperous farmer in Huron

county, O. He married Miss Maude G. Carmean and they have two sons: Ernest C. and Ralph W. The youngest son, Franklin M., is unmarried and resides with his parents. He is well educated and is identified with the T. & O. Railroad, in the freight department.

EARL W. CRALL, a resident of Bucyrus, Ohio, who is engaged in the railway mail service, was born in Liberty township, this county, just east of Bucyrus, in October, 1875. He is a son of John Raysor Crall, and a descendant in the fifth generation of Mathias Crall, who was of Swiss parentage and who resided in Dauphin county, Pa. Mathias, who had served as a soldier in the Colonial army in the Revolutionary war, had a son, Henry, who was born in Dauphin county, and who married Elizabeth Henshaw, a native of Pennsylvania, like himself. Among the children of Henry and Elizabeth was John, known as John Crall, Sr., who was born in Dauphin county, Pa., December 18, 1809. When a young man John Crall worked at the millwright's trade. On April 16, 1835, he married Elizabeth Raysor, a daughter of John and Susanna (Fackler) Raysor. She was born February 10, 1817, in the same county as her husband. After their marriage they lived with his father's family one year, when they moved to the farm of her father, where they remained nine years. He gave them money to purchase the farm of Mr. Crall's parents, who were about to sell and move to the West.

The Crall family moved to Ohio, settling in Crawford county, and the flattering accounts sent back by them of this country induced John Crall to move here also. Accordingly with his wife and five children, he left Harrisburg in a two-horse wagon in April, 1852, arriving in Crawford county in June. Here they purchased the Samuel Foster place, in Liberty township, afterwards occupied by their son, Elias, and in this township both Henry and John Crall died and were buried—the former at a very advanced age. Their bodies rest in the old Crall cemetery, connected with the

Crall United Brethren church, which they had taken a leading part in founding, and of which Henry Crall was one of the first trustees. This church has been several times repaired and remodeled and is one of the best known churches in the county—being in fact an old landmark.

John and Elizabeth Crall were the parents of twelve children, three of whom died in Pennsylvania in childhood, and two died in childhood after they came here. The others were: John R., who settled in Milan, Erie county, O.; Elizabeth, who became Mrs. E. M. Moore; William Elias, who for some time taught school and who settled on the old homestead, marrying Lovina Spahr, but who later moved to Hicksville, O., where he now resides; Oliver and Susan, of whom, like William, we have no special record; and David, who served in the Civil war as a member of the 101st Regt., O. V. I., was captured at Chickamauga, and died in Danville prison, May 24, 1864. John Crall, Sr., died Nov. 25, 1879. He and his wife were both members of the United Brethren church, her father, John Raysor, being a minister of that persuasion. She died at an advanced age and was buried in the old Crall cemetery. All were worthy people, prominent in the affairs of the township and universally liked and respected.

John Raysor Crall, father of the subject of this sketch and son of John and Elizabeth Crall above mentioned, was born in Dauphin county, Pa., in 1837, and was fourteen years of age when he accompanied the family to this county. He was brought up to farm life and was thus engaged, for the most part in this county, until about ten years ago, when he removed to Wauseon, Ohio, and later to Adrian, Mich., where he resides at the present time with a daughter. Like the majority of the Crall family, he is a Republican in his political affiliations. He was first married in this county to Catherine Ferral, who died in the prime of life, leaving one son, Clark Crall, who is now farm manager for the Sciota Land Co., at McGuffey, Ohio, and who is married but has no children. John R. Crall married sec-

ondly in this county Catherine Stephenson, who was born in Crawford county of English parentage paternally, and was here reared and educated. On her mother's side she is of Pennsylvania-German ancestry. She died in the fall of 1883, in the prime of life. She was a member of the Christian church, as is also her husband. They were the parents of six children, of whom one, Maude, died in infancy, and another, May, at the age of 25 years, unmarried. The others are: Lawrence, a farmer in Williams county, who is married and has three children—Fred. L., Lee and Mabel; Dilla M. lives with her father in Adrian, Mich., being in the employ of the Van Camp Company; she is unmarried; Earl W. is the direct subject of this sketch; Lee S., who resides at Sumner, Ill., is in the employ of the Standard Oil Company, is married and has children—Donald H., Dorothy and Glenn Robert.

Earl W. Crall was educated at Ada, O., and at Alliance, O., and was for some years a school teacher. In the fall of 1903 he took a place as railway mail clerk and is in class 4A of the department. He also studied law and was admitted to the bar in 1908. He is a broad-minded man of scholarly tastes and has many friends throughout the county. He was married in Whetstone township to Mabel B. Campbell, who was born in that township, April 4, 1875, a daughter of John Benton and Jennie F. (Shanks) Campbell, and who, after receiving a good education, taught school in the county for some three years. Mrs. Crall is a granddaughter of Edward Campbell and a great granddaughter of John Campbell, who was an early settler in Wayne county, Ohio. In 1823 John Campbell came with his family to Crawford county, settling in Whetstone township, where he took up government land and applied himself to the task of developing a farm. For years he resided in a log cabin, which he built himself. He was a man of ability and became one of influence, dying much respected at the age of 76 years.

Edward Campbell was reared on the farm on which he continued to reside after his

father's death. He married Amanda Tupps, who bore him four children. Their daughter, Catharine, married Frank Keiffer and is now deceased. Their son, Samuel K., became in his turn the manager of the homestead farm. A daughter, Lettie J., married Andrew J. Gibson and resides on the old Campbell homestead in Whetstone township, which, as has been stated by another historian, "in the days of its founder was the center, not only of a generous hospitality, but of an influence which extended in many directions, for that honored pioneer served for many years in the office of justice of the peace, at one time represented his district in the legislature, and was an active and prominent member of the Disciple church."

John B. Campbell was the third child of his parents. He was born and reared on the Campbell homestead and was educated in the public schools near his home and at Lebanon, O. For some time subsequently he taught winter school, working on the farm during the remainder of the year. In 1872 he married Miss Jennie Shanks, a daughter of David Shanks, and they had two children—Mabel Campbell and Urias Edward. After their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Campbell settled on Grandfather Campbell's old home farm, where they lived ten years, then locating on a farm of 160 acres, on which Mr. Campbell has made some fine improvements. He has given his attention to general farming and is a successful breeder of shorthorn cattle and a prominent sheep raiser. In 1892 he was granted a premium for the largest yield of scoured wool per fleece grown in the United States during the year 1892, which was conferred upon him at Boston, Mass. He is a Republican in politics and an influential and useful citizen.

Mr. and Mrs. Crall are the parents of two children—Muriel Bernice, born April 5, 1905, who is now attending the city schools, and Clark Campbell, born April 7, 1908. Mr. and Mrs. Crall are members of the Christian church; the former is a Republican with independent proclivities. He

belongs to the Blue lodge of the Masonic order.

DELMAN McCALLISTER, a leading citizen of Crawford county, O., who now devotes his entire time to the management of his farm and its varied industries, for a number of years was one of the most effective and popular teachers in both Seneca and Crawford counties. He was born Jan. 16, 1867, in Fairfield county, O., and is a son of Albert and Maria (Spitler) McCallister.

Albert McCallister was born in Fairfield county, O., in 1837, where he followed farming until about 1873, when he moved to Seneca township, Seneca county, and continued as a farmer until his death, November 26, 1900, when aged 62 years. He was of Scotch-Irish descent. In 1862 he married Maria Spitler, who was of German descent and was born and reared in Fairfield county, her death occurring in Wyandot county, December 2, 1911, when she was aged 74 years, 9 months and 24 days. They had seven children, as follows: Theodore, who is a farmer and resides in Wyandot county; Mrs. Clara Wood, of Toledo; Delman; Mrs. Sadie Ream, who died Feb. 2, 1904; Mrs. Minerva Chester, who lives at Melmore, Seneca county; Mrs. Amanda Meyers, who lives in Wyandot county; and Mrs. Irena Hackman, who also lives in Wyandot county.

Delman McCallister was brought up on a farm in Seneca county, his parents having moved to that place when he was a small boy. Here amid stern surroundings, he helped his parents at the general farm work and attended the district school in winter, until he reached the age of 19 years, when he hired out to a neighbor farmer for the summer season. The following winter he again attended the district school, was seized with a desire to teach and during the following summer attended the Fostoria Normal School, then taught school for a time, before taking a higher educational course at Ada, O. For some sixteen years Mr. McCallister satisfactorily taught school in Seneca county. As a teacher he was al-

ways mindful of the moral and spiritual side of life, and tried to impress and enthuse his pupils with the higher and loftier ideals which trend to build up and make better and more noble men and women. In 1903 he came to his present farm in Crawford county and for one year afterward taught school at Occola, his last work in this line being during the following winter when he taught the school in his own school district. He is now thoroughly interested in his agricultural activities and carries on his operations along modern lines and with a large amount of success. In farming, as in teaching, Mr. McCallister is thoroughly progressive. He believes in making home life pleasant by having pleasant surroundings and spends no little time in making them so.

Mr. McCallister was married June 29, 1891, to Miss Ida May Peters, who is a daughter of the late J. D. Peters, who was born in Jefferson county, O., Sept. 16, 1828, and came with his parents to Hancock county in 1834, and settled on a farm where Arcadia now stands. Later he bought and moved to a large farm in Seneca county. He was a member of the 197 regular O. V. I., and a life-long resident of Hancock and Seneca counties. He died in Fostoria, O., June 4, 1911, when aged 82 years, 8 months and 18 days. He was married first to Sarah J. Benham, and three children were born to them: William, who is deceased; Mrs. Josephine Whetson, of Findlay, O.; and Mrs. Melvina Ferguson, who is deceased. He was married (second) to Nancy Roller, who left nine children, namely: Emma, who is deceased; Ida May, who is Mrs. McCallister; Ross, who is deceased; C. J., who is a resident of Tiffin; Mrs. Alma Shuman, who is a resident of Cary, O.; Harry O., who lives in Indianapolis, Ind.; Mrs. Anna Baker Cole, who is a resident of Findlay, O.; Mrs. Ada Meyers, whose husband is a minister living at Caldwell, Kans.; and Mrs. Myrtle Moore, whose home is in South Dakota. The third marriage of Mr. Peters was to Ellen Clemens, a resident of Findlay.

Mrs. McCallister was also one of the suc-

cessful school teachers of Seneca county. She received her higher education at the Northwestern Normal School and the Fostoria Academy, and followed teaching for several years previous to her marriage. She was a lover of good literature and always took great interest in literary work.

Mr. and Mrs. McCallister have one foster son, Frank, who lives at home and teaches school. In politics Mr. McCallister has always been a Democrat. While residing in Seneca county he served two terms as township clerk and has also served as census enumerator. He is identified with the Knights of Pythias and the Jr. O. U. A. M. For many years he has been a member and active in the United Brethren church, taking a special interest in Sunday-school work.

D. C. CAHILL, a well known member of the Bucyrus bar, formerly clerk of the courts of Crawford county, has been engaged in the practice of law in this city, although not continuously, since 1860, when he was admitted to the bar. He was born in Vernon township, Crawford county, O., Nov. 2, 1832, and is a son of R. W. and Eliza (Cummins) Cahill.

Mr. Cahill spent his early years on the home farm, and later, to assist his father, passed more time there. He was educated in the Wittenberg College, and completed the entire term in that institution. In the fall of 1857 he came to Bucyrus and completed his course in law, was admitted to the bar three years later and afterward engaged in the practice of his profession in this city until April, 1865, when he closed his office in order to make a visit to the Pacific coast. Traveling in a leisurely way and stopping at interesting places, he reached California and went from there to Oregon, and from April, 1866, until he started back east, he served as deputy clerk of the county courts of Linn county. In his return to New York Mr. Cahill traveled over what was then an interesting part of the Western hemisphere and which is doubly so at present, crossing the Isthmus of Panama in the irregular and unsafe man-

ner of transportation of that time, without ever a thought of the great Gatun Dam that has eaten its way through miles of that wilderness, or of the mighty waterway that will invite the commerce of every nation.

For a few months Mr. Cahill again practiced law at Bucyrus, but once more closed his office in order to be free to accompany an ailing brother to the warmer clime of Texas, where the latter died three months later. In June, 1869, Mr. Cahill resumed his law practice at Bucyrus but shortly afterward was incapacitated by a painful accident, which prevented further professional effort until 1872. In 1874 he was elected county clerk of Crawford county and continued as such until 1880. After leaving public life, Mr. Cahill once more resumed his practice of law and has ever since maintained his office in the Quinby Block, being in partnership with a brother, the firm name being Cahill Brothers. General law has been his line and he has the reputation of being one of the safest and most conservative advisers among the older members of the Bucyrus bar.

FRANK MARION EAKIN, agent for the Pennsylvania Company, at Bucyrus, O., is not only popular with this corporation but is known, valued and esteemed in railroad circles generally. He was born at Columbus Grove, O., July 28, 1870, and is a son of Dr. Thomas and Ella (Frank) Eakin.

Thomas Eakin, the grandfather, was born in Pennsylvania and was of Scotch-Irish ancestry. He married in his native state and a large family was born to him, his eldest son being given his name, Thomas, as was the family custom. Thomas Eakin, Jr., was born in Pennsylvania in 1816 and became a physician. For some years he was associated in practice with Dr. J. F. Fitzsimmons, at Moundville, Ind. Later Dr. Eakin located at Columbus Grove, O., after three years of medical service in the Civil War, and continued to practice there until within a short time of his death, in 1894. He was a man of education and culture and of splendid physical robustness and it was

said of him that his mere appearance in a sick room was as potent as his prescriptions. He was widely known and was held in very high esteem both personally and professionally. He was thrice married, his last union being with Miss Ella Frank, who was born in Wayne county, O., not far from Wooster. She is a lady of scholarship, a former teacher, and has served as a member of the Columbus Grove School Board. She is interested not only in social matters but in those of wider scope, especially in relation to those concerning her own sex. She is a member of the Presbyterian church, as was the late Dr. Eakin. Four children were born to the above marriage, three daughters and one son, namely: Nettie, who is the wife of L. E. Maxwell, a prominent citizen of Wooster, O., a member of its board of aldermen; Frank Marion, our subject; Margaret, who resides with her mother at Columbus Grove; and Mary, who is the wife of L. D. Bower, a merchant at Geneva, O.

Frank Marion Eakin was educated in the schools of Columbus Grove, after which, in 1888, he entered the employ of the Pennsylvania Company as a telegraph operator and served as such at different points until 1896, when he was detailed as clerk for the same system, at Englewood, Ill., where he continued until 1899, at which time he was appointed ticket agent at Lima, O. After coming to Bucyrus he was made agent, this being a very important point on the Pennsylvania Lines, and here has displayed marked efficiency, his executive ability being so tempered with tact and diplomacy that he presides over an office of satisfied employes and at the same time meets every demand of often an unreasonable public.

Mr. Eakin was married in 1900 at Topeka, Kans., to Miss Eleanor H. Newman, who was born in Chicago, Ill., and was educated at Toledo, O., and in Kansas. They attend the Presbyterian church. He is identified with the Masons and the Elks.

J. LEW GUGLER, who is prominent in the commercial life of Galion, O., and proprietor of one of the largest mercantile es-

tablishments in Crawford county and identified with numerous other successful business enterprises of this section belongs to that large number of prosperous business men who can claim this city as their native place. He was born in a log cabin in 1864 that still stands on North Union street, and is a son of Louis and Louisa (Hessenauer) Gugler.

The parents of Mr. Gugler were born, reared and married near Heidelberg, Germany, and came to the United States in 1848, on a sailing vessel that required 70 days to make the passage but nevertheless safely landed its voyagers in the harbor of New York. From there Louis Gugler and wife made their way to Galion, O., where Mr. Gugler engaged in work at his trade, that of cooper, for 40 years, and his industry would have been rewarded by a comfortable competency had not his faith in some friends induced him to endorse notes which he subsequently had to meet. His death occurred when he was aged about 67 years. His widow survived until 1904, she being aged 73 years. They assisted in founding the German Methodist Episcopal church at Galion, Mr. Gugler being an official for a long period.

J. Lew Gugler was educated in the Galion schools and at one time had as his tutor Jacob Menser, a well known character. When fourteen years of age the youth commenced his business career and it was with the fixed purpose of sometime being at the head of a mercantile establishment of his own, starting in the dry goods store of D. W. Swaner. His ambition has been realized, although many years of work and fidelity to employers went before and he has had many handicaps at one time or another. He spent ten years of service in dry goods stores in Mansfield, O. His determination and energy enabled him to overcome all difficulties and at length, in 1893, he embarked in business with a partner, under the firm style of Gugler & Davis, which was continued until 1903, when Mr. Gugler became sole proprietor. He has a fine location with an 180-foot frontage at No. 121 East Main street. His stock is large and

varied, including dry goods, cloaks, ready-to-wear goods, carpets and rugs and house furnishings, handling the finest fabrics and catering to the most exclusive of the city's buyers. He is a man of ideas and has introduced many pleasing features which are not to be found in every establishment. Mr. Gugler has found also that it is better to do a strictly cash business and he was the first merchant in the city who established and kept to this safe and, in the end, most satisfactory system. Mr. Gugler has demonstrated his business ability along still other lines and is a member of the board of directors of the Commercial Savings Bank Company; also of the Galion Iron Works Company, and of the Galion Building and Loan Association, and is a stockholder in numerous other concerns.

Mr. Gugler was married to Miss Ida C. Hugo, who is justly proud of her descent from the great French writer, Victor Hugo. She was born at Mansfield, O., but was mainly educated at Detroit, Mich. They have two children, a daughter and a son, Mildred Dorothy, who is aged 14 years; and Robert Hugo, who is a school boy of 9 years. An older child, Helen Louise, died when 5 years old. Mr. and Mrs. Gugler are members and generous supporters of the Methodist Episcopal church, Mr. Gugler being a member of the official board. He has always been an ardent Republican and in 1911 was elected a member of the school board in a city of 8,000 that always gives a Democratic majority of from 500 to 1,000. He was one of the organizers of the Commercial Club and is a director and an active member of the renowned "Galion Boosters," who never tire of working for Greater Galion.

JOHN F. FISCHER, formerly a trustee of Tod township, Crawford county, O., and one of the honest, reliable and respected citizens of this section, resides on his finely improved farm of 100 acres, which is situated nine miles northwest of Bucyrus, O. He was born in Germany and is a son of Emanuel and Magdalena (Rilling) Fischer.

Emanuel Fischer and wife were born in

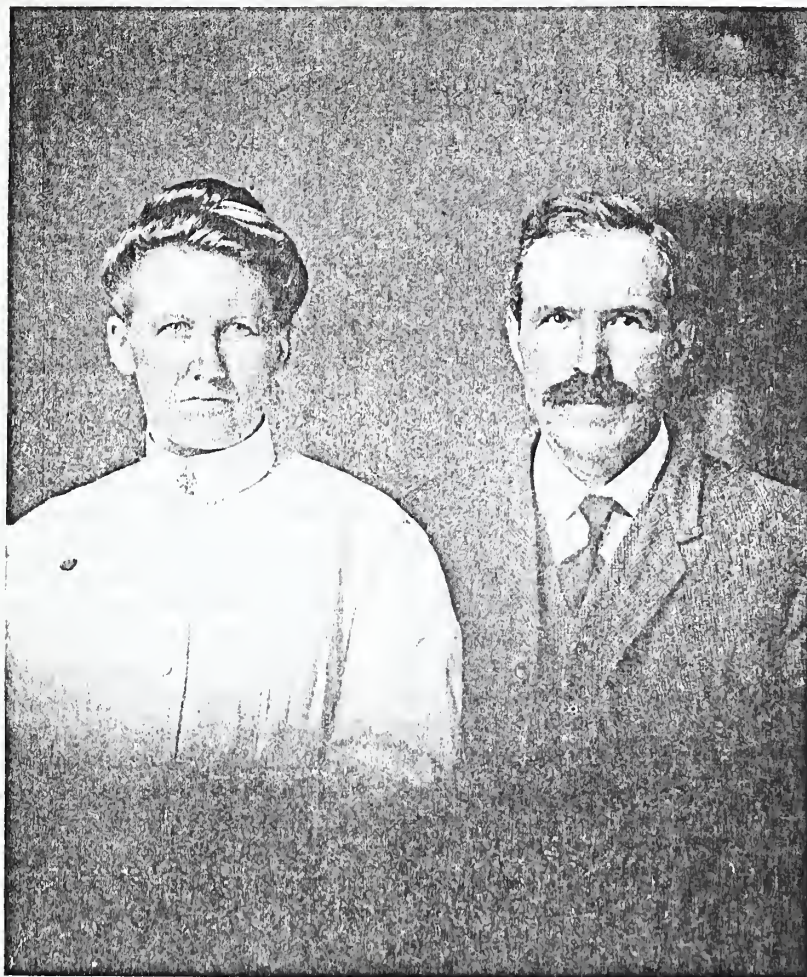
Germany and when they came first to Crawford county, O., he bought a tract of 20 acres west of Bucyrus, to which he subsequently added 16 acres and followed farming there until the close of his active life, his death occurring in 1897, when his age was 72 years. He married Magdalena Rilling, who was born in 1840 and still survives. Of their ten children, six grew up and five of these are living.

John F. Fischer went to school in the country near his father's farm, first in Pennsylvania, and after 1884, when the family came to Crawford county, in the neighborhood of Bucyrus. He then secured farm work and for six years was engaged by the month as a farm hand, in this way gaining a very thorough knowledge of every phase of agricultural life. For the next three years he rented land and put into practice what he had learned when working for others and succeeded so well that he took a larger farm on the Tiffin road. He remained there one year and afterward, up to 1901, lived on other farms in the township, being a good tenant on all. In the above year he purchased first 80 acres and then added 20 acres, which together constitute his present farm of 100 acres in Tod township which he has so improved that it is one of the best and most attractive in this part of the township.

Mr. Fischer married Miss Sophia Streib and they have three children: Mary, who is sixteen years old; Clara, who is eleven years old; and Jerome, a bright boy of seven years. Mr. Fischer and family are members of the Lutheran church. His political sentiments have always been Democratic.

WILLIAM MAGEE, who enjoys the distinction of being the oldest man living that was born in Crawford county, O., is widely known and universally esteemed, possessing traits of character which have endeared him to those with whom he has associated in any way during his long and worthy life. He was born on his father's farm in Crawford county, Sept. 19, 1827, and is a son of James Washington and a grandson of Alexander MaGee.

Alexander MaGee was born in Ireland and came to America in early manhood, settling in Washington county, Pa., prior to



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the Revolutionary War. He acquired 400 acres of land in Washington county and lived on the same into old age, a well preserved man possessing all his natural faculties except his eyesight, which faded some years before his death. The family has been one of unusual longevity. He married in Pennsylvania an excellent woman who belonged to an old Presbyterian family of Washington county, and the following names of their children have been preserved: Alexander, John, William, James Washington and Nancy, the last named becoming the wife of John Ramsey.

James Washington MaGee was born in Washington county, Pa., in 1789, and grew to manhood in his father's house. In those days a source of income was open to sturdy young men in the business of hauling freight over the mountains, there being no great transportation lines yet constructed, and James Washington MaGee made numerous trips of this kind. Having thus earned the capital he was anxious to invest it in land and in 1821 came to Ohio, then the far West to Pennsylvania, and in Sandusky township, Crawford county, entered 160 acres of land for himself and also 160 acres for each of his three brothers-in-law, a one-quarter section for William Moderwell, another for John Clemens, and another for John Magars. Having thus ensured a little settlement in the wilderness he, with the other families, in 1823 came with their wagons and ox-teams, to Crawford county. Here all established themselves and lived out long and useful lives and all have descendants in the county. James W. MaGee cleared and improved his farm and remained on it a contented man during the rest of his life, his death occurring April 14, 1850. His father had been a Federalist and he was a Whig. In the latter part of his life he united with the Presbyterian church. On May 10, 1814, he was married in Washington county, Pa., to Miss Ann Moderwell, who was of Scotch parentage, but was born in Pennsylvania. She was born February 21, 1792, and in loving tribute to her her son, William, declares that when she died on October 12, 1852, there

passed from earth the best woman that ever lived. She was a devoted Christian wife and mother and not only her family loved her but the whole neighborhood. Mr. MaGee can conceive of no higher type of womanhood than was this beloved mother. Nine children were born to James W. and Ann McGee, as follows: Eliza, who died at the age of 70 years, leaving two children: Mary A., who died at the age of 21 years; Robert, who was survived by children, Isabel and John, both of whom are deceased; Sarah I. and Margaret E., twins, the former dying at the age of 16 years and the latter when aged 19 years; and Ethalinda, who died when aged 18 years.

William MaGee passed his boyhood and youth on the homestead farm and as opportunity was afforded attended the district school. He was industrious and provident during his active years and accumulated a large amount of property, the greater part of which he has given to his children in order to witness their enjoyment of it, but he still retains a farm of 116 acres, which lies in Bucyrus township. On Oct. 10, 1850, Mr. MaGee was married to Miss Margaret Jane Cleland, who was born in Vernon township, Crawford county, O., Nov. 3, 1828, and died at her home in Bucyrus, Feb. 14, 1899, an estimable woman in every relation of life. The following children were born to them: an infant, deceased, who was born September 13, 1851; Rachel Ann, born March 31, 1853, who is a widow living at Los Angeles, Calif.; and William Wallace, who was born August 28, 1856, and now has charge of his father's farm in Bucyrus township. He married Amanda Dirmeyer and has had two children: James, who died in childhood; and Florence A. When five weeks old a niece, Rachel Emma Ann Cleland, lost her mother and she then became a member of the household of Mr. and Mrs. MaGee. She grew up a dutiful and loving daughter and for eleven years was the chief dependence of her adopted mother, Mrs. MaGee, the latter of whom was an invalid for thirteen years, being afflicted with creeping paralysis. Since then she has been equally dutiful to her uncle and adopted

father, Mr. MaGee. On May 13, 1911, she was happily married to Ray H. Furister, who was born June 17, 1878, in Michigan, a son of the late A. J. and Susan Viola (Hodges) Furister. In his views on public matters Mr. MaGee is in sympathy with the cardinal principles of the Republican party. He has always been a Presbyterian in religious faith.

VICTOR McDOUGAL, owner and proprietor of an important industry at North Robinson, Crawford county, O., a plant for the manufacture of brick and drain tile, is an experienced man in this business and since purchasing this plant in June, 1909, has worked his machinery to its fullest capacity every season. Mr. McDougal was born Dec. 22, 1876, near New Washington, O., and is a son of Hiram and Elizabeth (King) McDougal.

The father of Mr. McDougal was born in Auburn township, Crawford county and the mother in Pennsylvania. The latter survives and resides at New Washington, but the former died Jan. 22, 1908. He was a veteran of the Civil War, having served three years in Co. K, 45th O. Vol. Inf., and was honorably discharged. Afterward he followed agricultural pursuits. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. His children were: Adrian, Warren, Victor and Inez, the last named being deceased.

Victor McDougal attended the common schools of Cranberry township and spent two years in the New Washington High School, after which he went to Cleveland and in one of the great machine shops of that city learned the trade which he followed for three years. On account of impaired eyesight Mr. McDougal was obliged to give up his trade in which he was acknowledged to be a skillful workman, and then turned his attention to tile making, this being an industry that demanded less eye strain than work as a machinist. For two years he was in the tile plant of William Seitter and for two years more was with the Milliron Bros., and then went into the business for himself, purchasing his present well equipped plant from P. R. Fate.

During his busy season he gives employment to eight men and has a satisfactory local market for his brick and tile. He has invested in other property here and owns a comfortable residence.

On June 14, 1905, Mr. McDougal was married to Miss Blanche Burd, a daughter of Jeremiah and Mary Burd, farming people in Seneca county. Mrs. McDougal has one sister, Elsie, who is the wife of Monroe Stephenson. Mr. and Mrs. McDougal have three children: Homer R., Richard and Norris. Politically he is a Republican, fraternally belongs to the Maccabees, and he and wife attend the United Brethren church at North Robinson.

WILLIAM R. WISE, who, in association with his brothers conducts a furniture and undertaking business at Bucyrus, O., is a representative business man of this city. The Wise family was known in Clearfield county, Pa., in the days of George Wise, the grandfather. He died there and later his widow came to Crawford county, O., accompanied by her sons, and afterward to Valparaiso, Ind., where she remained during the rest of a long life.

William Wise, father of William R. Wise, was born in 1824, in Pennsylvania, and was twelve years old when his mother came to Crawford county. About 1845 the sons, William, Adam, Jacob, John and Henry, returned to Crawford county from Indiana and all settled on farms in the county. William located first in Bucyrus township, but afterward moved on a farm nearer the village and still later became a resident of the hamlet, where he started a cabinetmaking shop. He had but the tools of his trade, none of the present machinery for the making of furniture having yet been invented, and even the black walnut coffins were all made by hand. He was one of the first in this section to purchase machinery and had the enterprise to keep abreast with the times, and in 1847, in partnership with Christopher Hoenstein opened a large shop at No. 215 East Mansfield street, Bucyrus. This continued until 1865, when the firm name became William Wise, and later Wil-

liam Wise & Sons, located at Nos. 215-17 S. Sandusky street. He first admitted his son, Preston, who died in 1890, and his death occurred October 14, 1901. Since that time the business has been conducted by the surviving sons: William R., George L., Fred A. and Joseph D., all of whom have been practically brought up in it. This firm carries a large stock of furniture and house furnishings and a complete line of undertaking goods, including two funeral cars and an ambulance. The present business house was erected in 1884 and additions made in 1895, the present frontage being 33 feet with a depth of 160 feet. Every department of the business is carefully attended to and the patronage is heavy. Old methods, in so far as business integrity is concerned, are still maintained, confidence in the name of Wise having been secured a half century ago.

The late William Wise was a leading member of the English Lutheran church at Bucyrus for thirty years. He gave political support to the Republican party but accepted no offices. For some years prior to his death he was a member of the fraternal organization, the Knights of Honor. He was married in Crawford county to Eliza Jane Deardorff, who was born in 1827 and died in 1888. Her father, Emanuel Deardorff, was an early settler in Crawford county, a tanner and farmer, who spent his last years in comfortable retirement in Bucyrus. None of his surviving children reside in this county. To William Wise and wife eleven children were born, two of whom died young. One daughter, Lizzie, died in 1902, and one son, Preston, in 1890. A daughter, Millie, who died February 1, 1910, was the wife of Edward Vollrath, an attorney at Bucyrus, and was survived by three sons and two daughters. The surviving members of the family of William and Eliza Jane Wise are: Martha, who is the widow of Rev. George Hindle and resides at Wooster, O., with her large family; Bessie, who is the wife of Seth Hodges, who is at the head of the U. S. Express Company at Cleveland, O., and who has one son, William Preston; Wil-

liam R., the subject of this sketch; George L., who married Fannie Shaw and has one daughter, Mary; Fred A., who married Maybell Beard and has two daughters, Helen and Frances V.; Joseph D., who married Olive Greyer, formerly a successful teacher of music at Bucyrus, and has one son, William.

William R. Wise was reared and educated with his brothers in the city schools, and also with them had the practical training under their father that provided them with a business as soon as they were able to take responsibilities on themselves. He was married at Bucyrus to Miss Stella Lauck, a daughter of George Lauck, who for many years before his death was a merchant here. Mr. and Mrs. Wise have two children: Eleanor C., who was born April 18, 1901; and Virginia, who was born July 29, 1905. Mr. and Mrs. Wise are members of the English Lutheran church. He belongs to the Elks, the Knights of Pythias, the Eagles and the Order of Ben Hur. He and brothers are all Republicans. From their father they have inherited musical talent of a high order and frequently they take care of the musical service as well as the practical work of funerals, this usually being more than satisfactory. Mr. Wise and brothers are all graduate embalmers.

JEFFERSON I. SMITH, ex-auditor of Crawford county, O., who has been active in Democratic councils in this county for many years, is engaged in the insurance business at Bucyrus and represents some of the leading life companies of the country. He was born in Lykens township, Crawford county, April 24, 1863, and is a son of Frederick and Lucy A. (Shupp) Smith.

Frederick Smith was born in Litenberg, Saxony, Germany, April 1, 1815, later attended a trade school and became a stone mason. Between 1835 and 1840 he came to America, voyaging on an old sailing ship that was tossed on the Atlantic ocean for sixty days before making harbor at New York. From that city he made his way to Columbus, O., where he secured work at his trade and helped to build the stone

bridge there and presumably secured the capital by this labor which he subsequently invested in 160 acres of land in Lykens township, Crawford county. It was then an unbroken tract of timber and presented a hard task to its new owner, who immediately went to work to clear it. Before his death, in 1877, he had cleared 100 acres of his place and had acquired cattle and stock and was considered a substantial resident of his township. He was an intelligent and interested man in public matters and somewhat of a leader in Democratic politics in his section. In Germany he belonged to the Lutheran church but later in life united with the Evangelical Association.

Frederick Smith was married first at Columbus, O., to Christina Lippman, who was a native of Germany and had come to the United States when a young woman. She died in Lykens township, leaving four children, all living except the eldest. Mr. Smith chose Lucy A. Shupp for his second wife. She was born in 1830, in Dauphin county, Pa., and after her parents died she came to Ohio and was reared in the home of her brother, the late Michael Shupp. She died in 1890, in Holmes township, Crawford county. She was a woman of many virtues, a sincere Christian and a member of the Evangelical Association. There were ten children born to the second marriage, the seventh in order of birth being Jefferson I., of Bucyrus. The others were: Cornelius W., who resides with his family at Bucyrus; Matilda, who died when aged 38 years; Katherine, who is the wife of Jacob Meck of Holmes township; Frederick, who resides with his family at Bucyrus; Henry W., who lives in Holmes township; Lucy A., who died when aged 28 years; Emma J., who is the wife of Abraham Schifer, living in Crawford county, and has eight children; and Serepta, who is the wife of Clarence H. Flickinger, of Holmes township.

Jefferson I. Smith attended both the common and high school and afterward taught school very acceptably for some time, after which he went into newspaper work. For 12 years he was the able editor of the New Washington Herald and during this time

aroused interest in other sections in northwest Ohio, being ever loyal to his own part of the state. In 1897 he was appointed deputy auditor of Crawford county and served under Auditor J. F. Kimerline through the latter's term, and in 1901 was elected auditor and served the county in that important office until 1909. He is still officially connected with county affairs in a special way but his main business is life insurance and he maintains his office at Bucyrus.

Mr. Smith was married in Wayne county, O., to Miss Linnie Breneman, who was born there in 1860 and is a daughter of J. H. and Lydia (McNary) Breneman, early settlers and continuous residents of Wayne county until their deaths. Mr. Breneman was a shoemaker by trade. Mr. and Mrs. Smith have one son, Russell Breneman Smith, who was born Aug. 23, 1894, and is a student in the class of 1912 in the Bucyrus high school. Mr. Smith and family belong to the Methodist Episcopal church. Fraternally he is identified with the Odd Fellows and the Knights of Pythias and attends both lodges at New Washington.

WINFIELD S. KIESS, who, as his father's representative, successfully operates one of the large farms of Whetstone township, Crawford county, O., 390 acres of very valuable land, belongs to a well known and highly respected family of this section. He was born in Whetstone township, Oct. 12, 1880, and is a son of Joseph and Rebecca (Haldeman) Kiess.

Joseph Kiess came to Ohio from Lycoming county, Pa., and now lives retired at Bucyrus. He married Rebecca Haldeman, who was born at Galion, O., and died March 19, 1902. They had two children: Winfield S.; Viola, who married J. A. Shearer and has three children, namely: Catherine, Evelyn, Joseph. The father of the above family has always given political support to the Democratic party. He is a member of the Evangelical church, to which his wife also belonged.

Winfield S. Kiess attended the public schools and afterward the Ohio Northern

University, at Ada, O. His business has been farming but during six winter terms he made use of his decided musical talent, being director of music during that time in the public schools of both Whetstone and Liberty townships. His present farm, known as the Joseph Kiess homestead, not only now engages all his time and attention but makes it necessary for him to keep two hired farmers and also to utilize the services of a boy, all the year round. Mr. Kiess is very enterprising, keeps thoroughly posted as to crops, stock and other matters pertaining to his business, and is numbered with the most reliable farmers of this part of the county.

In October, 1904, Mr. Kiess was married to Miss Sadie Cook, a daughter of Philip and Rachel (Neff) Cook, the latter of whom is deceased. Mr. Cook, who is a retired farmer now living at Bucyrus, married Mary Lust for his second wife, and three children were born to them; Minnie, Bessie and Ethel. To his first marriage the following children were born: Ella, wife of William Ronk; Sadie, wife of Winfield S. Kiess; Clara, wife of William Hosterman; Emma, wife of Clarence Kelly; and Frank. Mr. and Mrs. Kiess have two bright little ones, Leona and William. They attend the Evangelical church. Politically Mr. Kiess is a Democrat and fraternally he belongs to the Maccabees. Although his father still owns this farm, its entire management and direction is in the hands of Mr. Kiess.

RAPHAEL M. LONSWAY, who very efficiently represents the well known firm of Dostal Bros., brewers, in the commercial field, all over Ohio, has been identified with this Bucyrus business house since 1902, when the present owners succeeded Frank Dick. He was born December 6, 1875, in Seneca county, O., and is a son of Emanuel and Magdalene (Houck) Lonsway.

Emanuel Lonsway was born in Seneca county, of Canadian parents and of French ancestry. He grew to manhood on his father's farm and then married Magdalene Houck, also a native of Seneca county, who was of German ancestry. For a number of

years they lived on their farm in Loudon township and then retired to Fostoria, O., where they still live. They are devout members of the Roman Catholic church. Of their family of fourteen sons and one daughter, Raphael M., was the fifth in order of birth.

Raphael M. Lonsway, or, as he is best known to his friends, Ray M. Lonsway, was reared in his native county and at school prepared himself for teaching, and for some years before coming to Bucyrus was a very acceptable educator in Seneca county. Since identifying himself with his present firm he has filled all the departmental official positions and thus prepared himself for the work of a commercial traveler, in which he has been quite successful. Through his close attention to business he has won the approbation of the firm and through his pleasing personality has made many friends for himself.

Mr. Lonsway was married in Big Spring township, Seneca county, O., to Miss Rose M. Jacoby, who was born there in 1876, a daughter of Michael and Mary (Reinhart) Jacoby, who now live retired at Cary, O. Mr. and Mrs. Lonsway have three children: Raymond, who is a very satisfactory pupil in the parochial school; and Gilbert M. and Gertrude S., attractive twin children, now in their fifth year. Mr. and Mrs. Lonsway are members of the Roman Catholic church, in which both were reared. He is identified with the Eagles, the U. C. T., of Ohio, and the D. K. U. V.

SIMEON KIESS and JOSEPH F. KIESS, retired farmers and respected citizens of Bucyrus, O., are sons of Jacob and Catherine (Delker) Kiess, and grandsons of Christopher and Christina (Sheets) Kiess.

The grandfather, Christopher Kiess, and his wife were both born in Wurtemberg, Germany, and after marriage lived at Stuttgart until January, 1806, when they emigrated to America, landing probably at Philadelphia, Pa., from that city moving to Lycoming county. There Christopher Kiess was a farmer and also taught school and for many years resided near the present city

of Williamsport, where he died Mar. 26, 1866, when aged 88 years and 2 months, having survived his wife for a few years. They were members of the Pietist colony, a body of religionists who came to the United States in order to follow out their religious beliefs in their daily lives. To Christopher Kiess and wife the following children were born: Rebecca, born Sept. 8, 1801; Abraham, born Sept. 23, 1802; Catharine, born Oct. 30, 1805; William, born Feb. 26, 1808, in America; Dorothea, born Oct. 8, 1809; Jacob, born Aug. 6, 1812; Salome, born Sept. 6, 1813; Sophia, born Sept. 3, 1816; Emanuel, born July 9, 1818; and Christina, born July 23, 1820.

Jacob Kiess grew to manhood on his father's farm and continued to reside in Pennsylvania until 1852, when, with his family he started for what was then the far West, Crawford county having been little settled previously in the neighborhood of Whetstone township. He secured a wild prairie farm, which, with the aid of his sons, was converted into a productive and valuable one, and there he and wife enjoyed some years of comfort. His death on Decoration Day, 1882, was caused by accident while crossing a railroad track. He was twice married, first to a Miss Rote and second to Catherine Delker. To his first marriage two children were born: Jonathan and Lydia. To his second marriage 5 sons were born; Simeon, Joseph F., Daniel, Samuel and William C., and two daughters, Christina and Mary Margaret. The mother of the last named family was born in 1813 in Wurtemberg, Germany, and was a child when her parents emigrated to America and settled in Lycoming county, Pa. She survived her husband for two years and died at the home of a daughter in Kansas. Both she and husband were devout members of the Evangelical church, in which he was a class leader.

Simeon Kiess grew to manhood on the home farm in Whetstone township, having been eight years old when the long overland trip was made from Pennsylvania, where he was born Jan. 31, 1811. He remained with his father for some years and then pur-

chased the homestead and continued to carry on farming and stock raising there until 1906, when he shifted its heavy responsibilities to the sturdy shoulders of his sons and retired, moving then to Bucyrus. The farm contains about 400 acres, all of which, with the exception of 80 acres, has been well improved. Mr. Kiess was a very enterprising and progressive farmer and handled only first-class stock and made use of improved and labor-saving machinery.

In 1867 Simeon Kiess was married in Whetstone township to Miss Catherine Kile, who was born there in 1845, a daughter of Tobias and Carrie (Nipp) Kile, natives of Germany. They came to Ohio and after marriage located in Whetstone township, where the father of Mrs. Kiess lived to be 83 years of age, surviving his wife for five years. To Mr. and Mrs. Kiess the following children were born: Sidney E., Harvey E. and Verne E. Sidney E., who operates a part of his father's farm, married Amanda Cook and they have two children—Raymond and Catherine. Harvey E., who completed his education in the university at Ada, O., is cashier of the Farmers and Citizens Bank of Bucyrus; he married Ida Sherrard, of Gibsonburg, O., and they have two children: Helen Irene and John Simeon. Verne E., who is a farmer in Whetstone township, married Rebecca Neff of Martel, O., and they have two children: Margaret and Marian. Mr. Kiess and sons are Democrats in politics and the whole family belongs to the Evangelical church.

JOSEPH F. KIESS was born in Lycoming county, Pa., Sept. 15, 1849, and was too young to recall the adventures incident to the long trip over the mountains when his parents came to Crawford county from his native place. He grew to manhood in Whetstone township and, with his brothers and sisters, attended the district school. When he left home he purchased a farm in the vicinity of the old homestead and still owns 390 acres of valuable land in Whetstone township, on which he made fine improvements. He was an extensive farmer, stock raiser and sheep grower and for years kept some 500 head of sheep. In April,

1911, he retired, having erected a handsome residence on the corner of Lucas and East streets, Bucyrus, and here enjoys all the comforts that modern building now provides. Formerly he was quite active in township affairs and served on the school board and in other offices.

Joseph F. Kiess was married (first) to Miss Rebecca Haldeman, who was born in Morrow county, O., in April, 1856, and died in her home on the farm in Whetstone township, March 17, 1901, having been a member of the Evangelical church for years. She was a young woman when she accompanied her parents, Rev. Christopher and Susanna (Brickley) Haldeman, to Galion, O., where both died advanced in years. Mrs. Rebecca Kiess was survived by two children: Viola, who is the widow of John Sherer, who died in October, 1910, leaving three children: Catherine R., Evelyn and Joseph N., and Winfield Scott, who manages his father's large farming interests. He married Sadie Cook and they have two children: Leona and William H. Mr. Kiess was married (second) at Bucyrus, Aug. 24, 1909, to Mrs. Elnora (Niebel) Heckman, who was born in Wyandot county, O., and completed her education at the Tiffin high school. In early womanhood she was married to Scott Heckman, who was born in Wyandot county in May, 1860, and died at Sycamore, in November, 1903. He left no children. The parents of Mrs. Kiess were Abraham and Catherine (Haldeman) Niebel, who were of German ancestry but were born in Pennsylvania. They were married in Morrow county, O., and then moved to Wyandot county, where the mother of Mrs. Kiess died. Her father resides at Sycamore and is in his 72nd year. Her one brother, Orval Niebel, is principal of the Sycamore schools, married Marcella Musser and they have one daughter, Catherine. The grandfather of Mrs. Kiess, Enos Niebel, moved from Pennsylvania to Wyandot county in 1829, and died at Sycamore, O., in May, 1911, when 97 years of age. His father was an early preacher in the Albright, now the Evangelical church, to which Mr. and Mrs. Kiess belong.

WILLIAM H. LOWMILLER, who is one of the well known and substantial citizens of Whetstone township, Crawford county, O., residing on his farm of 150 acres, was born in Snyder county, Pa., May 19, 1840, and is a son of Adam and Catherine (Baker) Lowmiller.

Adam Lowmiller and wife were born in Pennsylvania, married there and reared a family of eight children, namely: Susan, deceased, who was the wife of William Straus; Daniel Henry, who is deceased; William H.; Mary, who is the wife of Reuben Treaster; Eliza Ann, deceased, who was married first to a Mr. Blaine and second to a Mr. Martin; Catherine, who is the wife of David Harmony; and two who died in infancy. By trade the father of the above family was a weaver and afterward he was employed in a tannery.

William H. Lowmiller was reared to the age of 19 years in Snyder county, Pa., and attended school as opportunity offered but as soon as he was released from home responsibilities he started for Ohio, reaching Crawford county, Feb. 7, 1859, his capital being the sum of nine dollars. He then learned the carpenter trade and became a good workman and followed it for about eight years and then turned his attention to farming. For two years he rented land and then bought his first 20 acres, which he sold to advantage two years afterward and bought 85 acres of his present farm, purchasing of Jacob Keister, his father-in-law, who had entered it from the Government in 1828. Mr. Lowmiller owes the original deed which bears the signature of Andrew Jackson, President of the United States. For many years Mr. Lowmiller labored on his farm and kept adding to it and improving in many ways, but finally shifted his heaviest responsibilities to the shoulders of his capable sons, Edward C. and Jeremiah E. Lowmiller. General farming is engaged in and some good stock is raised but not for sale.

On April 6, 1865, Mr. Lowmiller was married to Miss Sarah Keister, who was born in Whetstone township, Crawford county, June 29, 1839, and died in June,

1909. She was a daughter of Jacob and Salome (Wize) Keister, natives of Union county, Pa., who came to Crawford county in 1828. They had the following children: Mrs. Sarah Lowmiller, Mrs. Jacob Shumaker, Mrs. George Wingert, Joseph, Mrs. Daniel Kehrer and Mrs. John Zimmerman.

To Mr. and Mrs. Lowmiller four children were born, as follows: Edward C., who married Clara Kiefer; Jeremiah A., who married Iva Gibson and has three children—Roland, Helen and Earl; Ellen M., deceased, who was the wife of Samuel Zimmerman and had two children, Orrin and Maud; and Ida E., who is the wife of Charles Gehret and has two children, Mildred and Frederick William. In addition to operating the home farm for their father, the two sons of Mr. Lowmiller own a tract of 81½ acres in partnership. The family belongs to the German Reformed church. Nominally Mr. Lowmiller is a Democrat but frequently in casting his vote, follows the dictates of his own judgment.

IRA B. CHADWICK, assistant superintendent of the Toledo & Ohio Central Railway Company, at Bucyrus, O., has been identified with railroad work for 26 years and during this entire period has been with the same corporation. He was born on his father's farm near Alexandria, Licking county, O., June 3, 1865, and is a son of Lucius and Anna L. (Graves) Chadwick.

Lucius Chadwick was born in Central New York, a son of Rufus Chadwick of the same state. The family is of English extraction. Grandfather Rufus Chadwick married Experience Brickley, in New York, and when their eldest child, Lucius, was two years old, they came to Ohio, traveling by way of the Ohio Canal, this being in 1840. They settled in Licking county and Mr. Chadwick established a tannery at Alexandria or in the near vicinity, which he conducted for a number of years. His death occurred there in 1878, at the age of 63 years, his widow surviving until 1881. They were among the organizers of the Methodist Episcopal church in their neigh-

borhood and their hospitable home was ever ready to receive traveling or visiting preachers.

Lucius Chadwick learned the tanning business with his father but later engaged in the mercantile business at Alexandria, returning, however, to the homestead when his father died. He made improvements and continued to carry on the farm until the close of his life, on Sept. 24, 1906, when his age was 66 years. In early life a Whig he later became a Republican and was a man of local importance, being mayor of Alexandria at the time of death and formerly a justice of the peace. Lucius Chadwick married Anna L. Graves, who was born in Licking county, O., and still survives, being now in her seventieth year. Her father, V. A. Graves, was born in Massachusetts and his wife in Licking county, O. They were strong Presbyterians and were most worthy people in every way. To Lucius Chadwick and wife three children were born: Lorena, a resident of Alexandria, O., who was a teacher for some years and who is a great Sunday-school worker; Ira B., and Albert. The last named was a merchant at Alexandria and died there in 1904 and is survived by his widow, Helen (Weed) Chadwick.

Ira B. Chadwick left school at the usual age and then learned the art of telegraphy and his first position with his present company was at Corning, O., after which he was stationed at different points, in the capacity of agent and operator. He climbed steadily upward through the positions of dispatcher and for two years was chief dispatcher at Columbus and for three years was assistant trainmaster at Bucyrus, but three years later was sent back to Columbus as trainmaster and continued until July 1, 1909, when he was made assistant superintendent of the road, with headquarters at Bucyrus, under Superintendent C. L. Gardner, whose headquarters are at Columbus. This long period of uninterrupted service speaks for itself.

On October 26, 1899, Mr. Chadwick was married to Miss Gertrude M. Stiger, who was born in this city, March 20, 1867, a

daughter of Jacob and Ellen (Monnett) Stiger. Mr. and Mrs. Chadwick have one daughter, Arnie Louise, who was born Feb. 8, 1903, at Columbus. They were members of the Methodist Episcopal church. He is prominent in Masonry, belonging to the Shrine at Columbus and is identified also with the Knights of Pythias, the Elks and the Y. M. C. A.

FRANK C. WAGNER, proprietor of a fine grocery store and doing a large business on the Public Square, Bucyrus, O., occupies a site on which a grocery store has been conducted continuously for 40 years. Mr. Wagner was born at Bucyrus, Sept. 9, 1872, and is a son of Robert and Mary A. (Stiger) Wagner.

Robert Wagner was born in Saxony, Germany, and came to America in 1863, where he succeeded in establishing himself in business and in 1867 returned to Germany to be married to Mary A. Stiger. In 1868 they came to Bucyrus and here he followed his trade as a mechanic until the close of his life, his death occurring in the spring of 1875, when he was about forty years of age. Mrs. Wagner subsequently married Edward Meissner and they reside at Bucyrus, no children having been born to the second union. To the first marriage there were four children, Frank C. being the youngest and the only son. One son died in infancy and two daughters survive; Clara, who is the wife of Otto Fearing, a tailor in business at Bucyrus; and Anna, who is the wife of M. A. Charlton, who is an electrician employed in the Industrial Home at Lancaster, O. They have two children: Paul H. and Susie.

Frank C. Wagner obtained his education in the schools of Bucyrus but since the age of 13 years has been identified with the grocery trade and has been connected with the grocery people who did business here since April, 1889. For ten years he was a clerk, first for L. C. Hall and later for J. E. Hall. On Sept. 1, 1899, he purchased the latter's interest and in partnership with E. A. Ditty, conducted the business for two and one-half years. In March, 1901, he

bought his partner's interest and since then has been alone. He has commodious quarters, his store space being 22 x 65 feet, situated at No. 156 Public Square, and he carries a carefully selected stock of both staple and fancy groceries, catering mainly to the best and most particular trade. He is one of the busy and successful business men of this city and takes pride in his justifiable reputation for business integrity.

Mr. Wagner was married at Bucyrus to Miss Anna Schaaf, who was born and educated here. They have one son, William Joseph, who was born Nov. 17, 1905. Mr. and Mrs. Wagner are members of the German Lutheran church. Politically he is a Republican and is a willing party worker but desires no political advancement for himself. He belongs to Demas Lodge No. 108 Knights of Pythias.

JOHN LEWIS DIEBLER, who owns and resides on the old family homestead containing 121 acres, situated in Whetstone township, Crawford county, O., was born here Nov. 6, 1859, and is a son of John and Magdalena (Heinlen) Diebler.

John Diebler was born in Union county, Pa., Nov. 25, 1816, and was a son of John G. and Mary M. (Wise) Diebler. In 1828 the Dieblers came from Pennsylvania to Crawford county, journeying in a three-horse wagon and accompanied by two other families of pioneers, and all settled near the center of Whetstone township, where they found fertile and well watered land. The Dieblers have been among the best citizens of this township ever since. John Diebler assisted his father on the farm and later learned the carpenter trade. He became a well known man in this section and frequently was elected to public office. He was one of the leading members of the Democratic party in this section and was a liberal supporter of the German Reformed church.

On Aug. 20, 1843, John Diebler was married to Miss Magdalena Heinlen, who was born in Pickaway county, O., June 20, 1822, and they became parents of the following children: Sarah R., Anna E., Rebecca L.,

John L., Amanda S., Mary M., George and Samuel.

John L. Diebler attended the district schools with more or less regularity until he was seventeen years of age, mainly during the winter seasons, and remained at home with his father until the latter's death, when he purchased the home place and has lived here ever since. The land is fertile and under Mr. Diebler's excellent methods is very productive. He raises a good grade of stock but not for the general market, and grows the grains that do best in this section.

In 1886 Mr. Diebler was married to Miss Lydia Matilda Shumaker, a daughter of Jacob and Matilda (Kester) Shumaker, representative farming people of Crawford county, whose other children were: Sarah; Mary, wife of F. W. Sholtz; J. E.; Eliza, wife of L. F. Heinlen; Catherine, wife of George Gattner; Henry J. and J. S.

To Mr. and Mrs. Diebler two sons were born: Walter E. and Otto Milton. The former married Emma Rexroth and they have one daughter, Ernestine. The family belongs to St. John's Reformed church of Whetstone township. In politics always a Democrat, Mr. Diebler has been a loyal party worker. He has encouraged the development of the public schools and for six years has been president of the school board, and has served two terms as road supervisor.

LEWIS REITER, who has been a resident of Bucyrus, O., for a half century, now lives in comfortable retirement at his home which is at No. 865 South Poplar Street, Bucyrus, and is known to a large body of his fellow citizens. He was born in Schuylkill county, Pa., Dec. 28, 1834, and is a son of John and Sarah (Mathias) Reiter.

The Reiters are of Pennsylvania Dutch stock, good, sensible, thrifty people. In the thirties John Reiter with wife and children came to Ohio and settled first on land east of Bucyrus, but later bought land in Holmes township, north of Bucyrus, where he developed a fine farm and there spent the remainder of his life. Both he and wife were

members of the German Reformed church. They had seven children born to them and there are three yet living, namely: Lewis; Elizabeth, who is the wife of Henry Brink, residing in Henry county, O.; and Sarah, who owns a home of her own at Bucyrus and lives on the corner of Oakwood avenue and South East street.

Lewis Reiter grew up on his father's farm in Whetstone township and afterward learned the carpenter trade and for many years followed the same after coming to Bucyrus. He was married in this city to Anna Myers, who was born in Columbiana county, O., March 4, 1836, and was young when her parents, Louis and Barbara (Amon) Myers, moved to Bucyrus. Here Mr. Myers died when aged 73 years and Mrs. Myers at the age of 86 years. They were of the German Lutheran faith. Of their nine children all survive except two, John and Rebecca, the former of whom was a retired farmer at time of decease, and the latter was the wife of Frederick Bittikofer, also now deceased. The surviving members of the Myers family are: Jacob, who is a farmer in Henry county, O.; Anna, who is the wife of Lewis Reiter and the mother of Mrs. J. J. Smith, of Bucyrus; Lewis, who, with his sister, Mrs. Mary Nedele, widow of John Nedele, resides at No. 338 South Main street, Bucyrus; George, who is a retired business man of this city, and resides on East Warren Street; Barbara, who is the wife of Benjamin Ernest, residing at Ridgeville, Henry county, O.; and Catherine, who is one of the representative business women of Bucyrus. For many years Miss Catherine Myers has successfully conducted a millinery establishment, for a time being associated with her sister, Mrs. Lewis Reiter, and at present with her niece, Mrs. J. J. Smith. This is the oldest millinery establishment in the city and its continued prosperity is assured as the business is still carried on according to the honest and capable methods with which it was started. It has more than a local reputation and the most fastidious people need not leave their own city in order to secure tasteful, modern and fashionable millinery. Mrs. Reiter was

connected with the business from May 6, 1881, until 1902, when her daughter, Mrs. Smith, took over her interest. Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Reiter, as follows: Mary Minerva, who was born at Mansfield, O., Nov. 21, 1861; Leander, who died in 1908, at Butler, Ind., where he was engaged in business; Annette, who conducts a large millinery business on Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, O.; and John L., who is a baker by trade, and who resides with his parents. Mr. Reiter has always given his political support to the Republican party.

Mrs. J. J. Smith, the eldest of the above family, was given educational advantages at Bucyrus, where she grew to womanhood, and then learned the millinery trade with Mrs. E. A. J. Cahill. Later she became interested in the business with her mother, and as noted above, since 1902, has successfully conducted the same. She was married at Bucyrus, to John Justice Smith, who was born here March 17, 1857, a son of John Clark and Mary (Myers) Smith. They came to Bucyrus before marriage and afterward made this city their permanent home. Mr. Smith is the only survivor of a family of seven children, with the exception of one sister, Mrs. Myra Sites, who is also a resident of Bucyrus.

Four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Smith, namely: Anna M., born March 18, 1894; M. Geraldine, born May 16, 1897; John Amon, born March 9, 1899; and Thomas Clark, born August 10, 1906. Mr. Smith and family are members of the English Lutheran church. By trade, Mr. Smith is a carriage painter. He is a Republican in politics, and fraternally he is connected with the Modern Woodmen and the Royal Arcanum.

CHARLES LAKE, one of the prominent and substantial business men of Bucyrus, O., who has been identified with the commercial interests of this city for some 56 years, is owner and proprietor of the oldest jewelry store in the State of Ohio, and the oldest established business house in Bucyrus. Mr. Lake was born in Meigs county,

O., April 2, 1836, and is a son of Joseph and Maria (Cassell) Lake.

The parents of Mr. Lake were natives of Hartford, Conn. They married there and then came to Meigs county, O., acquiring a farm in Lebanon township. The father was a quiet, industrious man, a Whig in politics and a Baptist in religious faith. He died at the age of 62 years. The mother of Mr. Lake died at Hamilton, O., in her 60th year. They had but one child.

Charles Lake remained at home, assisting his father and attending the district schools, until about nineteen years of age, when he went to Cincinnati and became an apprentice to the jeweler's trade. After serving the prescribed time he started out as a journeyman and located in the village of Bucyrus. He became an employee in a store which had been founded by a Mr. Fifener, who, in 1850 was succeeded by William Burkhardt and in 1855 Mr. Lake entered into partnership with the latter and they continued together until 1865, when Mr. Lake became sole proprietor. His handsomely appointed store is located at No. 104 Quinby Block, north side of the Public Square. He has introduced modern fittings, equipments and conveniences and carries a large stock of first class goods, the array of silver ware, watches and clocks, china and cut glass, diamonds and other precious stones with or without setting, presents a beautiful and attractive appearance, one that would be entirely creditable in any city.

Mr. Lake was married in Bucyrus to Miss Abaline Seizer, who was born in Crawford county and died in 1890. They had three children: Edward, who died at the age of seven years; Fannie, who died when aged 16 years; and Helen, who is the wife of James Aylward, who is a native of Toledo, O., and a prominent business man of Bucyrus, who is now manager of the jewelry store owned by Mr. Lake. Mr. Lake has never been very active along political lines, business claiming the larger part of his attention. He votes with the Republican party. He owns the block in which he carries on his business together with other

property. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. With interest Mr. Lake has watched the growth of Bucyrus and at all times has been ready to lend a helping hand when opportunity presented or occasion demanded.

WILLIAM L. FERRALL, a leading representative in the real estate line at Bucyrus, established his office in this city some eleven years ago, from 1903 until 1906 being in partnership with E. B. Foster but during the rest of this period has been alone. He was born in Liberty township, Crawford county, O., Jan. 12, 1838, and is a son of Edmund and Nancy (Eaton) Ferrall.

Edmund Ferrall was born in Ohio and his wife in Washington county, Pa. She came to Columbiana county, O., in young womanhood and was there married and soon after Mr. and Mrs. Ferrall moved to Stark county. From there, in 1835 they came to Crawford county and settled on a farm in Liberty township, the same being known at present as the Joshua Meyers farm on the Sulphur Spring road, northeast of Bucyrus. A few years afterward they traded the farm mentioned for another tract of unbroken land in Liberty township. To the second tract Mr. Ferrall kept adding until he owned a half section of land and lived on the place until the death of his wife, when she was 63 years of age. He no longer desired to remain on the homestead and sold it to advantage, moving to a small farm near Bucyrus, on which the closing years of his life were spent, his death occurring after his 81st birthday. He was a man of sterling character and was held in the highest esteem by his neighbors. In all his dealings with them he showed his Quaker honesty and on certain occasions, when he had escaped misfortunes that fell on others, he displayed the generosity and true charity that accorded well with his religious principles. Of his nine children all but two reached maturity.

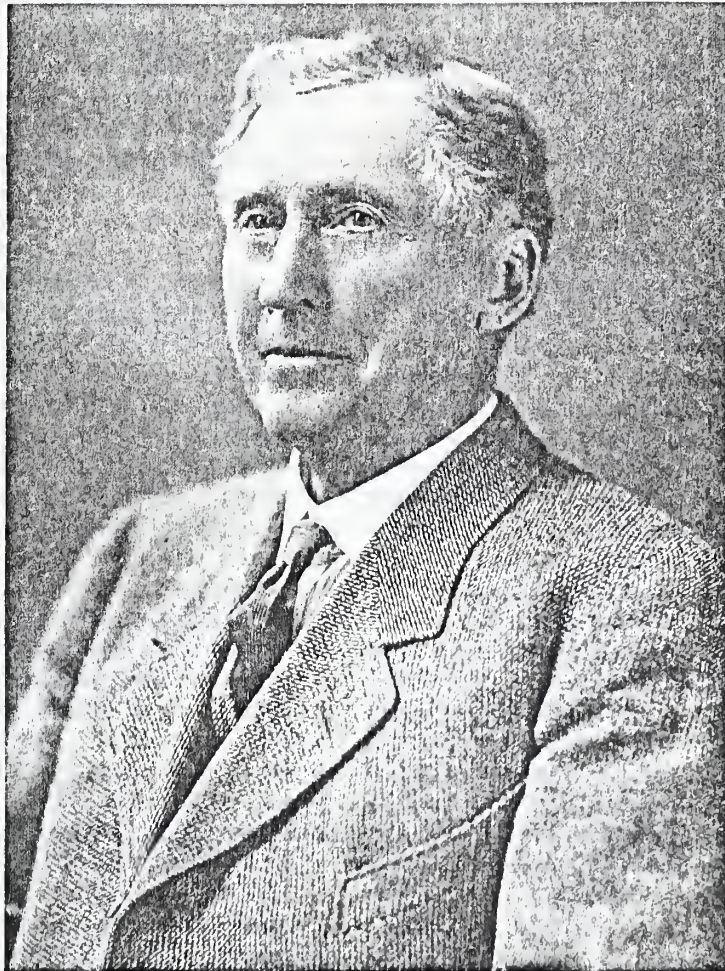
William L. Ferrall was the fourth son and fifth child in his parents' family. He grew up on the old homestead in Liberty township and after completing his education taught school for about eight years during the winter seasons. In 1894 he came to Bucyrus and dur-

ing much of the time since then has been a real estate broker and has handled many valuable properties in Crawford county in this capacity. Mr. Ferrall has long been one of the influential Democrats of this section of the state and during some of his campaigns through Crawford and Allen counties, was advertised as the Farmer Orator, possessing a ready wit and being a fluent and forceful speaker. He has always been a loyal party man, ever ready to work for his friends but never a seeker of office for himself. He has also been a contributor to the press for many years.

Mr. Ferrall was married first to Miss Rebecca Kiefer, who was born in Whetstone township, Crawford county, and died at the age of 52 years, leaving five children, namely: Frank K., who lives at Memphis, Tenn.; Samuel L., who is engaged in the real estate business at Galion, O.; Hattie E., a resident of Toledo, O., who is the widow of Harry A. Sherer and has two children—Harold and Viva; Charles E., a carriage painter by trade, who lives at Galion and has two sons; and Alma, who is the wife of Arthur Gladhill, of Galion. Mr. Ferrall was married (second) to Mrs. Mollie J. (Songer) Foster, who has one son born to her former marriage, Elzie B. Foster, who is a resident of Bucyrus. Mrs. Ferrall is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church while Mr. Ferrall belongs to the Christian church.

EMANUEL HEINLEN, a member of one of the old and leading families of Whetstone township, Crawford county, O., where his farm of 46 acres is situated, was born June 27, 1845, in the old pioneer log house that then stood on this farm, and is a son of Lewis and Hannah (Wise) Heinlen.

Lewis Heinlen was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, and came to the United States when a young man. He was a butcher by trade, and also made pumps during his earlier years but mainly followed farming after settling in Whetstone township. He erected the log house in which his children were born and which stood until 1900, when it was torn down to make way for the present handsome brick residence. He married Hannah Wise, who was born in Lycoming county, Pa., and they had the following chil-



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dren born to them: Sarah Ann, deceased, who was the wife of John Stump; Samuel; George; Elizabeth, who was the wife of Isaac Stump; Reuben; Jonathan; Henry; Mary Malinda; Emanuel, and Josiah and Isaac. The parents were members of the Reformed church.

During boyhood Emanuel Heinlen attended the district schools when his help was not required on the farm, and afterward continued with his father and remained until the latter's death. In the distribution of the estate of 240 acres, Mr. Heinlen received 46 acres of the homestead. Here he carries on general farming, grows fruit and raises poultry and stock sufficient for family use.

In 1870 Mr. Heinlen was married to Miss Catherine Bittikofer, a daughter of Frederick and Barbara (Heimlich) Bittikofer. The parents of Mrs. Heinlen were born in Switzerland and the father was a weaver by trade. To this first marriage of Frederick Bittikofer three children were born: Abraham Frederick, deceased; Lena, deceased, who was the wife of Philip Heckler; and Catherine, who is Mrs. Heinlen. His second marriage was with Rebecca Myers and three daughters were born to that union: Sarah, who is deceased; Allison; and Laura, who is the wife of Joseph Johnson.

A family of eight children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Heinlen, as follows: Elizabeth Malinda, Samuel, Della May, Allen, Harvey, Alfred, Leo Howard and Bessie, all surviving except Allen, Elizabeth Malinda and Della May. The youngest daughter is a student in the Bucyrus high school, a member of the class of 1912. Mr. Heinlen and family belong to St. John's Reformed church of Whetstone township, in which Mr. Heinlen has been both a deacon and elder and a teacher in the Sunday-school, as well as its superintendent. In his political principles he is a Democrat. Frequently he has been chosen for public office by his fellow citizens and has served many times on the school board, for seven years was township assessor and for seven years was one of the board of directors of the Crawford County Infirmary.

ROBERT M. AURAND who for more than twenty years, has been connected with the government mail service, is second clerk on the P. F. W. & C. Railroad on the route running west from Pittsburg to Chicago, and first clerk on the route running east. He was appointed from Monroeville, Allen county, Ind., and came to Bucyrus, O., in 1891, this city being conveniently located as to his business. He was born Jan. 23, 1863, in Wyandot county, O., and is a son of Daniel and Mary A. (Deppler) Aurand.

The original spelling of the family name was Aurandt and during the life of the grandfather, Jonathan Aurandt, this orthography was preserved, after his time the final letter being dropped. Jonathan Aurandt was of German ancestry but he was born in Pennsylvania. During his earlier years he was a preacher in the German Reformed church. He was twice married and shortly after his second marriage came to Crawford county, about 1830, and here he and his wife lived into old age, their deaths occurring on their farm two miles north of Oceola. They were among the early workers in the Methodist Episcopal church. Jonathan Aurandt married sisters and all of the ten children of his second union were born in Crawford county, and of these the following survive: Jonathan, a retired carriage upholsterer, living at Mt. Gilead, who has one daughter; George, who is a farmer on the old homestead, and who has four children; Enoch, who lives in Merrick county, Neb., and has four children; and Rufus, a retired farmer and justice of the peace, who has seven children.

Daniel Aurand, son of Jonathan and father of Robert M., was born in Crawford county, O., Jan. 26, 1835, and died near Monroeville, Ind., Jan. 4, 1908. Some years after his marriage he lived on a farm near Logansport, Ind., and then returned to Crawford county, where he resided for nine years. In 1872 he moved to Allen county, Ind. He followed farming all his life. His father had been a Whig in politics and he was a Republican. During the latter part of his life he was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. He married Mary A.

Deppler, who was born in Crawford county in 1840, and died January 19, 1875. Her father, John Deppler, was born in Germany and when he came to the United States settled near Sulphur Springs, Crawford county, O., where he engaged in farming, and was eighty years old at time of death. He was thrice married and three children were born to the first wife and one to the third, the latter being George W. Aurand, who is a resident of Michigan. Of the first union two survive: Robert M. and Mary A.; the latter is the wife of John V. Lutz, a farmer in Crawford county, and they have two children, Esther and Maude. One son, Daniel A., who was born in 1873, died unmarried in 1893.

Robert M. Aurand was nine years old when his parents moved to Allen county, Ind., and there he attended the public schools and prepared himself for educational work, and later taught school in Indiana and also in Nebraska, spending three years in that state. He then received his appointment to the railway mail service and through fidelity and efficiency has been advanced to his present position.

Mr. Aurand was married at Bucyrus to Miss Esther S. Shifley, who was born in Crawford county and was educated at Bucyrus and Toledo, and for five years was a stenographer and bookkeeper in a large business house in the latter city and for two years in the former city. Her parents were John and Anna (Krauss) Shifley, the former of whom was of German extraction but was born in New York, while the latter was of Swiss parentage but was born in Pennsylvania. They were married near Buffalo, N. Y., near which city they lived until after the birth of five children, when they came to Crawford county, where two more children were born. The father died at Bucyrus in 1876, being then in middle age. The mother of Mrs. Aurand passed away in the latter's home, in 1907, when almost 82 years of age. Both she and husband were members of the Mennonite church, good, worthy, virtuous people, the influences of whose lives were beneficial to all with whom they came in contact.

Mr. and Mrs. Aurand have two children: Robert Ray, who was born March 4, 1895, and is a member of the class of 1913 in the Bucyrus high school; and Helen Magdalene, who was born December 10, 1896. This young lady is the possessor of musical gifts which are being developed under the direction of Prof. Snyder, a well known musician of Bucyrus. Mr. Aurand and family are members of the Baptist church. Mr. Aurand is a Knight of Pythias and belongs also to the Railway Mail Association.

CHARLES ARNOLD, who has been engaged in the manufacture of native wines at Bucyrus, O., for the past 20 years, enjoys a wide business reputation as his beverages are in demand all over the country and have consumers wherever they have been introduced. Mr. Arnold was born Feb. 17, 1850, in the province of Baden, Germany, quite near the division line between France and Switzerland. His parents were John Jacob and Anna Mary (Schmidt) Arnold, also natives of Baden. The mother died when aged 40 years, but the father lived to the age of 73 years. Like his own father, also John Jacob Arnold, he was a man of impressive figure, six feet, two inches in height and weighing 250 pounds. Grandfather Arnold, with four of his brothers, enlisted in the German army in 1813, serving for six years. He survived to be 96 years old and died in his native neighborhood. Of the six children born to the parents of Charles Arnold, he is the eldest. Anna M., the next in order of birth, lives in Germany, unmarried. Ernest follows the butchering business in Germany and resides with his family there, a well known citizen of Baden. Frederick still lives on the old homestead on the Rhine. Herman came to America and follows the butcher trade in the city of Chicago, Ill. He married a lady from Kansas and they have children. Elsie married Frantz Huber, a gold engraver at Lahr, Germany, and they have children.

Charles Arnold attended the schools near his home in boyhood and then began to learn wine making as a trade. In 1869 he

emigrated to America and located at Bucyrus, O., reaching this city on Sept. 29th of that year. Finding no attractive opening in the wine business at that time, he learned the machinist trade and worked along that line for 26 years, during this time being employed in eleven different shops and working in every department. All these years, however, he had been quietly making experiments and taking note of the productiveness, the hardness and the chemical qualities of the native grapes in Ohio, and after retiring from his hard work in the machine shop embarked in the wine making business, in which he has prospered. He has carefully studied the fruitage of the Ohio vines and has come to a thorough understanding of the business from this point of view. His plant consumes two car loads of grapes to produce 8,000 gallons of wines and his cellars have been specially constructed to store the same for its maturing. His specialties are Delaware, Catawba and Claret, and he produces a very fine line of special table claret, not to be excelled in flavor and wholesomeness by any exported product.

Mr. Arnold was married first in this city to Miss Mary Flocken, who died at the age of 42 years, the mother of two children: Charles Frederick, who lives at Akron, O.; and William E., who is a dental surgeon. Mr. Arnold's second marriage also took place at Bucyrus, to Miss Mary Kraft, who died in 1911, leaving no children. Mr. Arnold is a 32nd degree Mason and is prominent also as an Odd Fellow. He casts his political vote with the Democratic party. He is a well known and highly respected citizen, active in public charities and liberal in supporting local enterprises.

JOHN PHILIP GERSTENSLAGER, who is one of the representative men of Whetstone township, Crawford county, O., resides on his valuable farm of 87 acres, which he purchased in 1893. He was born at Bucyrus, O., Jan. 14, 1858.

John P. Gerstenslager had but meager educational opportunities and never went to school after he was 13 years of age, his

time being engaged until his mother's death three years later, in helping to clear up the farm of his step-father. He then started out for himself and for nine years worked in the neighborhood where he was known, for farmers by the month, and continued for several years after his marriage, at the end of that time renting the farm which he now owns. It belonged to his father-in-law, John Deebler, and after the latter's death Mr. Gerstenslager purchased it and ever since has carried on general farming and done moderate stock raising, his many years of experience giving him advantage over younger men in the business, of whom there are always examples in every neighborhood, who work by theory instead of along practical lines.

In 1877 Mr. Gerstenslager was married to Miss Anna Elizabeth Deebler, a daughter of John and Magdalena (Heinlen) Deebler, both of whom are now deceased. Mrs. Gerstenslager had three sisters and one brother: Sarah, deceased, who was the wife of Charles Lutz; Rebecca, deceased, who was the wife of Isaac Albright; John Lewis; and Amanda, who is the wife of Henry Gerstenslager.

To Mr. and Mrs. Gerstenslager the following children have been born: Harvey William, who married Della Christman, and has three children, Florence, Inez and Delma; John Harry, who married Emma Shumaker and has one daughter, Edna; Albert Lewis, who married Carrie Laughbaum, and has two children, Lucile and Irene; Bertha, who married Otto Neumann, and has three children, Harland, Edwin and Frederick; and Nellie, who is the wife of Philip Frank. The family attends the Reformed church in Whetstone township. In politics Mr. Gerstenslager is a staunch Democrat. He is a man who stands high in the esteem of his fellow citizens and they have testified to the same by electing him to a number of important offices. For six years he served as township trustee and for several years was road supervisor, while for two years he filled the office of township health officer.

L. FRANK HEINLEN, a prosperous merchant of Bucyrus, O., who conducts a large grocery store at No. 812 North Sandusky Avenue, established the same in February, 1908, for four years previously having been a farmer. He was born in Wyandot county, O., Nov. 3, 1859, and is a son of Samuel and Margaret (Keiss) Heinlen.

Samuel Heinlen was born in Crawford county, O., in 1836, a son of Louis Heinlen, who was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, and came to America when aged twenty years, locating in Whetstone township, Crawford county, O., southeast of Bucyrus. He worked at his trade of tailoring among the early settlers, according to the practice of the times going with shears and goose to one house after another and fitting the male members of the family with garments. He had married in Pickaway county before reaching Crawford, a Miss Starger, also a native of Germany. Their old farm in Whetstone township still belongs to the family and there they spent their lives into old age, dying when about eighty years old. They were members of the Mennonite church. Of their children, two sons and one daughter survive: John, who lives with his family at Des Moines, Ia.; David, who lives on his farm near Bucyrus; and Mrs. Sarah Wise, who lives in Marion county, O. Samuel Heinlen followed farming, locating in Whetstone township after marriage and a few years before the birth of their son, L. Frank, moved to Wyandot county, where they lived several years and then returned to Crawford county. He married Margaret Keiss, who was born in Pennsylvania and was thirteen years old when she accompanied her parents to Crawford county. Five children were born to them, namely: William A., who is a dealer in sewing machines at Bucyrus and has two daughters, Ruth and Gladys; L. Frank; Reuben, who is a railroad agent and lives at Great Bend, Kans.; Mary E., who is the wife of William Stump, a farmer in Dallas township, and has one daughter, Vella; and Edward, who was accidentally killed in an explosion in a saw mill at Bu-

cyrus. In 1887 Samuel Heinlen and wife retired to Bucyrus and here his death occurred in January, 1911. His wife survives, well and active in mind and body, at the age of 75 years.

L. Frank Heinlen was small when his parents returned to Crawford county and he was reared to manhood here and obtained his education in the local schools and the university at Ada, O. He was connected with several business houses in a clerical capacity before he engaged in farming, after which, as stated above, he embarked in his present business at Bucyrus. Like his late father he is a Democrat in politics and prior to coming to Bucyrus was clerk of Whetstone township for six years. He is a good citizen and as a business man is wide awake to honorable opportunities.

Mr. Heinlen was married in Jefferson township, Crawford county, O., to Miss Eliza Shumaker, who was born there, a daughter of Jacob Shumaker, of German ancestry. Her parents came to Ohio from Pennsylvania. They were members of the German Reformed church. Mrs. Heinlen is one of a family of eight children. Mr. and Mrs. Heinlen have three children: Clinton, who not only has been well educated in a literary sense but has a technical education in wireless telegraphy and is an operator on the vessels in the Great Lakes during a part of the year and is with his father as an assistant during the other months, a very capable and reliable young man for his twenty-two years; Hazel, who was creditably graduated from the Bucyrus high school in the class of 1910; and Grace, who is a student in the city schools, and is now nine years old. Mr. Heinlen and family are members of the Evangelical Association, to which organization his parents also belonged from his childhood.

GEORGE W. FENNER, deceased. Perhaps no old resident of Bucyrus, O., was held in higher esteem than was the late George W. Fenner, who was identified with the material development of this city for 43 years. He was born at Delaware Water Gap, Pa., April 26, 1825, and died at his

beautiful residence situated on the corner of Charles and Poplar Streets, Bucyrus, O., Oct. 9, 1900. His parents were Abram and Eliza (Pickering) Fenner.

Both the Fenners and Pickerings bear names linked with epoch-making events in America history, the former tracing an ancestry from that stanch old skipper, Captain Fenner, who successfully guided the Mayflower to the shores of New England in 1620, while during the War of the Revolution the Pickerings were financial supporters of the Patriot cause. In every succeeding generation these names have been borne by people of sterling worth whose lives have reflected credit on the noble ancestry from which they came.

Abram Fenner, father of the late George W. Fenner, was born in Delaware county, Pa., and died at Ashley, Pa., at the age of 82 years. He was a farmer and millwright, a man of peaceful life and a member of the Society of Friends. He was twice married and both wives bore children. His eldest daughter was the wife of Joseph Coleman. Hiram, the eldest son, came to Bucyrus in 1852 and here followed the tailoring trade during his active years, retiring before his death, in 1894. Benjamin lived and died at Almira, Pa. George W. was the youngest of this family.

Of the boyhood of George W. Fenner little is known, but it is possible that the stern Quaker discipline of the household in some ways chafed him and led him to leave home and become a clerk in a store and then to enlist for service in the Mexican War, in which he performed so creditably in several departments that he was especially honored by General Winfield Scott. At first he was attached to the quartermaster's department and it is evident that he displayed rare soldierly qualities or he would not have been selected to lead the party of volunteers in the attempt to raise the country's flag over the citadel in the city of Mexico. It was indeed a hazardous although successful expedition; nevertheless all did not live to return. General Scott was so impressed by the bravery of young Fenner that he presented him with his

sword, which honorable trophy is carefully preserved in the family. Not only was Mr. Fenner thus distinguished, but when the war closed and he was discharged, it was found that by a special provision, his commission as an officer was permitted to extend to the end of his natural life. He returned to Pennsylvania and from there came to Bucyrus, where his older brother was already established, in September, 1857, having, in the meanwhile, learned the carpenter trade and become a skilled mechanic. He reached Bucyrus when it was awakening to its needs, and for many years he was engaged here in the planning and erecting of many of the fine business structures as well as the handsome residences which adorn this city. While he never became active in politics because of his disinclination to bind himself by any party tie, he was an alert and interested citizen and gave hearty support to all measures of which his own judgment approved. At one time he was identified with the Odd Fellows and also was a member of the order of Royal Arcanum.

At Delaware Water Gap, Mr. Fenner was united in marriage with Miss Elizabeth Bush, who was born at Shawnee, on the Delaware river, May 6, 1827, and died at Bucyrus, Oct. 21, 1894. She came also of old Quaker stock and throughout life was an exemplar of the simple unostentatious faith in which she was reared. Her parents were Benjamin Van C. and Sarah (DePuy) Bush. Four children were born to this marriage, namely: Frank, Foster, Amandus and Eliza. The eldest son, who died Sept. 10, 1911, was a carriage and sign painter by trade and was engaged in business at Bucyrus. Foster Fenner, the second son, was born in Pennsylvania but was reared and educated at Bucyrus. He resides with his sister in the old home in this city. In politics, like his late father, Foster Fenner is independent, and fraternally he is connected with the Modern Woodmen of America and with the order of American Mechanics. Amandus, the third son, who died at Bucyrus, Sept. 9, 1908, at the age of 52 years, is survived by his widow and one son and three daughters. The only daughter, Eliza,

was born in Pennsylvania, in 1857 and was brought to Ohio when but seven months old. She has passed the larger part of her life in this city and is well known through her social connections and her womanly charities.

ISAAC KURTZ, who in addition to being one of the heirs of the Kurtz estate in Whetstone township, Crawford county, O., consisting of 200 acres, owns a second farm containing 108 acres, in the same township. He was born Jan. 12, 1872, in Whetstone township and is a son of John George and Catherine (Gaibler) Kurtz.

John George Kurtz was born in Germany and was eleven years old when he was brought to Ohio from Pennsylvania, and continued to reside in Whetstone township until the time of his death. His burial was in the Sherer cemetery. He married Catherine Gaibler, who was also born in Germany and now makes her home with a daughter, Mrs. Simeon F. Sherer, in this township.

After his school days were over, Isaac Kurtz assumed farm duties on the homestead and the larger part of his life has been spent on the old farm to which he came back after a period spent at Bucyrus, where he was in the employ of M. C. Coulter in the implement business and later in the harness business under the firm name of Kurtz & Haffner. On the homestead are two residences and he occupies one and cultivates 140 acres of the land, while his brother, John J., occupies the other and manages the other part of the farm. They both are men of energy and enterprise and their undertakings are carried on with such good judgment that they are usually successful.

On May 18, 1899, Mr. Kurtz was married to Miss Laura Sherer, a daughter of Jacob and Mary (Hurr) Sherer, who were early settlers in Crawford county, both being now deceased. They were members of the German Methodist church. To the first marriage of Jacob Sherer the following children were born: Emanuel; Sarah, wife of J. J. Heverly; Emma, wife of Andrew Peters; John; and Laura, wife of Isaac Kurtz. To

his second marriage, with Sarah Beal, two children were born: Bertha, wife of I. M. Snyder; and Ruth, a high school student at Bucyrus.

To Mr. and Mrs. Kurtz two children have been born: Lloyd Sherer and Dorothy Eleanor. They attend the German Methodist church. Both Mr. and Mrs. Kurtz are members of the Grange at Bucyrus. In politics he is a Democrat. Mr. Kurtz is a stockholder in the Farmers & Citizens Bank of Bucyrus.

JOHN KERR, who now lives somewhat retired after a busy agricultural life of many years, owns and occupies one of the comfortable homes and attractive residences that may be found in the city of Bucyrus, O., his being particularly marked on account of its tasteful arrangement of flower beds on the lawn and its great variety of choice shrubbery. Mr. Kerr was born in Dallas township, Crawford county, O., Sept. 6, 1845.

James Kerr, the grandfather, was born in Franklin county, Pa. He grew to man's estate there and was married to Betsey Arbuckle. Late in the twenties they came to Ohio and settled in what was practically a wilderness, hoping to develop a farm and earn comfort for their old age. They lived beyond four score and ten and were permitted many years of comparative ease. They were among the early members of the Christian church in this section. They had the following children: Robert, Johnson, who was a farmer in Wyandot county; Alexander, who was a farmer in Allen county; James, who was a farmer in Crawford county, all of whom left descendants; Jane and Martha, who were both married and lived into old age; and Louisa, who married Robert Urich and who lived and died in Knox county, O.

Robert Kerr was born in Mifflin county, Pa., in 1807 and was reared in Knox county, coming there when 6 years of age. From Knox county he came to Crawford county when 20 years of age and here entered eighty acres of government land in Dallas township. This eighty acres was but the

nucleus around which he built up a large fortune in land, acquiring acre after acre until he owned 4,500 acres of Ohio soil. He began life in a primitive way, starting in a log cabin that had a puncheon floor, and in this humble dwelling a number of his children were born, among whom was his son, John, who still owns the original eighty acres entered by his father. In the course of time Robert Kerr provided a more commodious residence and resided in it up to the time of his death, which occurred in 1889. He was known far and wide for the success he reached in his agricultural operations and his growing of stock and he became one of the largest sheep farmers in Crawford county, having an annual flock of 10,000 head for many years. His first wife died in 1857 at the age of forty-one years and twenty days. She was a devout Christian, a member of the Disciples church. Three sons and four daughters were born to this marriage, three of whom survive: John; Mrs. Sarah Harris, who lives on a farm in Wyandot county; and Mary, who is the wife of Philip Linn, of Marion, O. His second marriage was with Mrs. Martha Williams, and they had one daughter: Mrs. Adelaide Barr, who is a resident of Kansas City, Mo.

John Kerr grew up on his father's farm and had absolutely no educational advantages. Although this has been no serious drawback to his success in life, Mr. Kerr has given each one of his own children a college education. While he was not permitted the study of books, he learned many lessons of value in the fields and forests of his father's large estate and many of these he afterward practically applied. When he became a farmer on his own account he put aside many of the old, worn-out methods and theories of former days, and through his own experimenting reached conclusions which resulted in the adoption of many of the most modern methods of carrying on agricultural pursuits. He reached success in what he undertook and soon became recognized as one of the most practical and enterprising farmers and stock men of the township. In 1892 he retired from the

farm to Bucyrus after erecting his handsome brick residence at No. 215 South Spring Street, already mentioned. He has seen many changes take place in this part of Crawford county and is well posted on all the leading events.

On August 30, 1869, Mr. Kerr was married to Miss Alice Chambers, who was born and reared in Carey, Wyandot county, O. Her father, William Chambers, was born in West Virginia and was married in Wyandot county, O., to Keziah Carr. They were farming people in Wyandot county for some years when they moved to Sedgwick county, Kans., but later returned to Ohio. He died in Marion county in 1890 and his wife in Wyandot county, in 1900, aged respectively 81 and 86 years. To Mr. and Mrs. Kerr the following children were born: Eva, the wife of Daniel Locke, who resides at Everett, Wash., and has two sons—Gormley and Wayne; Maude, who is the widow of William Sholaker, and resides in Delaware; and Robert, a farmer in Richland county, O., who married Jessie Strawbridge and has three sons—John, Harrold and Donald. Mrs. Kerr is a member of the Christian Science church. Politically Mr. Kerr is identified with the Republican party.

MILTON R. LEWIS,* who is engaged in an insurance and real estate business at Bucyrus, O., in partnership with Chas. F. Mathew, with offices in the Forum Building, was one of the pioneers in the fire insurance line here and has been identified with insurance during many years of a very active business life. He was born in Harrison county, O., in 1847, and has been a resident of Bucyrus since 1849, being reared and educated here.

David Lewis, the grandfather, was of Welsh ancestry and was born in Maryland. He was a pioneer in Harrison county, O., but his last days were spent at Bucyrus, where he died when aged 83 years. He married Rachel Rogers and they had a large family born to them, the third in order of birth being James Lewis, who became the father of Milton R. Lewis. He was

born in 1813, in Harrison county and was reared on the home farm near Cadiz. He married Rebecca Gregory, who was also of Maryland parentage. After the birth of several children they moved to Bucyrus, Crawford county, in which section he became a very prominent man. In 1856 he was elected to the State Senate, the first and only Republican elected from this Senatorial district. He had embraced the principles of the Republican party as they were in formation, having previously been a Whig. During the Civil War James Lewis was appointed United States district assessor and served for seven years in the office. For 65 years he was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and during much of this period served in an official capacity. Of his twelve children ten grew to maturity and five yet survive.

Milton R. Lewis for 26 years was a traveling salesman for a Mansfield business house and at the close of his long connection spent one year at Portland, Ore., and then returned to Bucyrus. He then went into the insurance business and has been very active in the local field. In 1909 he entered into partnership with Chas. F. Mathew, formerly county recorder. The firm handles a large amount of farm and city property and represents many standard insurance companies. Mr. Lewis has one daughter, Lucille, a talented young woman who is a student in the Arts and Crafts School, at Cleveland, O. One son, James, died at the age of seventeen years. Mr. Lewis is a Knight Templar Mason, belonging to the Commandery at Mansfield, O., and to Blue Lodge, Chapter and Council, at Bucyrus. He is identified also with the Knights of Pythias and the Elks. He is a highly respected citizen and is widely known. Politically Mr. Lewis is a Republican.

WILLIAM KNELL, who is one of Whetstone township's highly respected German-American citizens, has been a resident of the United States since he was 22 years old but claims Germany as his birthplace. His parents, George and Christiana

(Shookman) Knell, lived and died in Germany as did his grandfathers, Andrew Knell and Peter Shookman.

William Knell was the only one of his family to come to America, his one sister remaining with the parents. For three months after reaching the United States he lived at Chambersburg, Pa., but found no opening in that section for a young man who had his hopes settled on securing farming land on which he could establish himself permanently. From Chambersburg he walked to Mansfield, O., where he remained for two months more, earning his living by doing odd jobs and making friends wherever he stopped, and then started on foot for Crawford county. Here he found plenty of farm labor, starting first on the farm of Abraham Holmes and keeping steadily at work for the next four years. He then visited Nebraska and remained in the West for nine months and then came back to Crawford county, where he married. For three years he rented land and for two more worked for a railroad company and then bought his first tract, 30 acres in Jefferson township. Mr. Knell remained there for ten years, in the meanwhile preparing for further investment and in 1874 bought his present valuable farm of 100 acres from Jay Major, and has lived here ever since. This property is very valuable and under Mr. Knell's careful cultivation has been developed into one of the best farms in this section of Crawford county.

In 1860, Mr. Knell was married to Miss Elizabeth Rettig, a daughter of Nicholas and Elizabeth (Ketrost) Rettig. They were born in Germany and were early settlers in Crawford county, where they prospered. They had the following children: Catherine, Maria, Margaret, Elizabeth, Gertrude, Caroline, George, Leonard and Nicholas. Three sons were born to Mr. and Mrs. Knell: Calvin, who lives in Jefferson township, who married Clara Gearhart and has three children—Oleda, Paul and Carl; Harvey, who is a farmer in Whetstone township, who married Edith Smith and has four children—Loran, Edwin, Myron and Mildred; and John, who married

Wilemina Wharton and has two children—Roma and William. Mr. Knell and family are members of the Lutheran church. Mr. Knell and his sons all belong to the Democratic party and all are men of high standing in Whetstone township, quiet, self-respecting, law-abiding men, who profit through their industry, and are helpful and just to those with whom they are associated in the public affairs of the community.

CHRISTOPHER WALTHER, one of the highly respected citizens of Bucyrus, O., now living retired after an active business career that covered many years, is a native of Germany, born in Baden, June 16, 1833, and is a son of Christopher and Elizabeth (Doll) Walther.

Christopher Walther, Sr., was born in Baden, Germany, in 1802, a son of Christopher Walther, a weaver by trade, whose entire life was spent in Germany, although a part of his family came to America and settled in Ohio. Christopher was married in Germany to Elizabeth Doll, whose parents were small farmers and spent their lives in that land. Christopher Walther and wife continued to live in their native section until six children were born to them and then determined to seek a land where there were wider opportunities and made preparations to immigrate to the United States. Before they were ready to embark on the sailing ship, however, in 1846, two of the children had died and it was with wife and four children that Christopher Walther started on the long sea voyage that then consumed thirty-six days. They reached the harbor of New York and then, by the old tedious ways of transportation, finally made their slow journey to Sandusky, O., where relatives had already established themselves. They remained there for eight weeks and then came by wagon to Crawford county, where, in Liberty township, Mr. Walther bought a small farm. They lived to see many years of prosperity, retiring to Bucyrus in the closing years of their lives. In Germany they had belonged to the Lutheran church but in their new home no organization of that

faith had yet been established and they united with the Methodist Episcopal church and were among its worthiest members. They had the following children beside the two that died in Germany: Christopher; Magdalena, born October 14, 1836, who is the widow of August Kuntzman, and lives at Sandusky, O.; Philip Jacob, who was born October 17, 1838, and who lives on the old homestead in Liberty township and married Rosina Knappenberger; Carolina, born June 6, 1841, who is the wife of Christian Bertsch, a shoe manufacturer at Grand Rapids, Mich.; and Henry, born in America, December 12, 1849, who is a carriage builder by trade and lives at Sandusky, O. It is somewhat remarkable that no death has occurred among the children of Christopher and Elizabeth Doll since the family came to America.

Christopher Walther, eldest son of Christopher and Elizabeth Walther, remained on the home farm until he was sixteen years of age, when he learned the carpenter trade, serving an apprenticeship to the same for three years. In 1853 he came to Bucyrus and with the exception of the period from 1856 until 1861, which he spent in Iowa, he has been a continuous resident of this city. He has been a busy man, becoming a skilled mechanic in early manhood and later adopting building as his chosen line of work and as a builder erected many of the important structures in this city and vicinity. Many of the handsome public school buildings now standing give testimony as to his taste and skill, including the Union School building, while the large German Lutheran church edifice on Poplar Street, shows what he accomplished in that line of construction. For the past twelve years Mr. Walther has been more or less retired but there is probably no citizen of Bucyrus who more closely watches the city's material development and extension than he, having so long been closely connected with the same.

Mr. Walther was married at Bucyrus to Miss Margaret Schuler, who was born June 17, 1838, at Rome, N. Y., and died at her home in this city, April 5, 1900. This es-

timable lady was a daughter of Frederick and Ava (Stoll) Schuler, natives of Germany, who emigrated to the United States and lived in New York until 1840, when they came to Bucyrus. They were members of the Lutheran church. The only survivor of their family is Jacob Schuler, a retired business man of this city. Seven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Walther, namely: two who died in infancy; Annetti, who is the widow of Paul Barraider, of Fort Wayne, Ind.; Frank A.; Fred E., who died at Grand Rapids, Mich., in 1911; Lena, who is the wife of Charles Flocken, of Bucyrus; and Lizzie, who is the wife of Philip Marquart, of Cleveland, O.

FOREST CASEY, junior member of the well established firm of Resch & Casey, plumbers, tinware manufacturers and dealers in hardware, at No. 123 East Ninth Street, Galion, O., was born at Galion, Jan. 9, 1869, and has spent his life in his native city. His parents were James and Hattie (Shumaker) Casey.

James Casey was born in Pennsylvania in 1842 and was brought to Galion in boyhood by his parents, grew up on a farm and spent his life in Crawford county, his death occurring at Galion in June, 1909, having survived his wife since 1871. They were members of the Methodist Episcopal church. Of the five children born to his first marriage, James Casey has two survivors, Forest and Susie, both of whom reside at Galion. His second marriage was to his sister-in-law, Miss Clara Shumaker, who died in August, 1910, leaving three children: Earl, who is assistant cashier of the First National Bank of Galion; Floyd, who is a bookkeeper in a Cleveland business house; and Mary, who is the wife of John Wiggs, of Chicago, Ill., and has two children.

Forest Casey was educated in the public schools and afterward learned his present business. In 1892 he entered into partnership with the Resch brothers, William T. and Harry P., which continued until 1904, when the second Resch brother withdrew and the business has been successfully con-

tinued ever since by the present firm, William T. Resch and Forest Casey. They carry a large line of hardware sundries including wire fencing, and manufacture tinware and attend to plumbing. The firm stands high in public regard, both partners having been known here from youth.

Mr. Casey was united in marriage with Miss Lydia Schloss, who was born at Galion in 1875, a daughter of Jacob Schloss, who died in this city some 15 years ago. The mother of Mrs. Casey is now in her eightieth year and resides with her daughter. Mr. and Mrs. Schloss were both born in Germany and after coming to Galion were married and spent their lives here. Mr. and Mrs. Casey have one son, Kenneth De Forest, who was born February 6, 1903. They are members of the German Reformed church. In his political views Mr. Casey is a Republican, and fraternally he is identified with the Elks and the Odd Fellows.

JOHN C. AUCK, whose fine farm of 121 acres is situated in Whetstone township, Crawford county, O., is a successful farmer and representative citizen of this section. He was born in Whetstone township, three-fourth miles west of his present farm, Nov. 29, 1868, and is a son of Michael and Caroline (Ehmann) Auck.

Michael Auck was born in Lycoming county, Pa., and now is a retired farmer living at Bucyrus. His parents were John Christopher and Rachel (Wagner) Auck. He married Caroline Ehmann, who was born in Germany and is a daughter of Christopher and Frederica (Fritz) Ehmann. They are members of the German Reformed church at Bucyrus. Six children were born to them, namely: Mary Jane, who is the wife of David S. Schieber; John C.; Lucy Ellen, who is the wife of J. E. Myers; William H.; Celia, who is the wife of Harry G. Hoover; and Samuel E.

John C. Auck obtained a common school education in Whetstone township and then assisted his father on the home farm until he was 23 years of age. On Dec. 24, 1891, Mr. Auck was married to Miss Orie Ellen Andrews, who is a daughter of Lemen and



ABSALOM M. VORE

Lettie (Kiefer) Andrews, and a granddaughter of Jacob and Ellen (Montgomery) Andrews and of Samuel and Catherine (Jones) Kiefer. Mrs. Auck was born on this farm March 3, 1872, and both parents were born in Crawford county. The mother died Feb. 4, 1901, but the father survives and lives retired at Bucyrus. Mr. and Mrs. Andrews attended the Church of Christ. They had the following children: Allen C., Mrs. Auck, George Franklin and Elsie Catherine, the two last named being deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Auck have two children: Lemen Paul, who was born June 25, 1893; and Ralph Michael, who was born Jan. 19, 1898. Mr. and Mrs. Auck are members of St. John's German Reformed church, in Whetstone township. In politics he is a Democrat and has frequently been elected to local offices, serving as township trustee from 1908 until 1912, one year as road supervisor and also as a member of the school board.

ABSALOM M. VORE, a retired farmer and highly respected resident of Bucyrus, O., was born in Center county, Pa., Dec. 22, 1840, coming of old Pennsylvania Dutch stock. He is a son of Jesse and Catherine (Musser) Vore.

In the days of the grandfather, who was Absalom Vore, the name was spelled Wohr but later was anglicized. The grandfather spent his life in Pennsylvania and was a farmer. After marriage he lived in Berks county, where he died and his widow subsequently married a second time and reared a second family.

Jesse Vore, father of Absalom M., was born Aug. 15, 1805, in Berks county, Pa. Later in life he moved to Center county and for some years followed the tailoring trade at Millheim. All his children were born in Center county, where he later became a farmer, moving with his family to Ohio in 1859. He bought a farm of 100 acres, situated in Holmes township, Crawford county, and there spent the remainder of his life, his death occurring May 3, 1892. He married Catherine Musser, who was born in Center county. Her death occurred July 23, 1885. Jesse Vore and wife were members of the Reformed church and

were people whose Christianity was shown in their daily walk and conversation. They had eleven children, two of whom died young. Nine grew to maturity and of these, Julia, Harriet and John, all died unmarried in Pennsylvania.

Absalom M. Vore, who was the sixth of the family in order of birth, is the oldest of the survivors. He was in early manhood when the family came to Ohio and proved of the greatest assistance to his father after moving on the large farm in Holmes township. He continued at home and finally succeeded to the homestead and there followed farming with a large amount of success until in September, 1908, when he retired from active labor, purchased a fine residence at No. 517 E. Rensselaer street, Bucyrus, and has been a resident of this city ever since. Politically a Democrat he has always been interested in the success of his party and has frequently served in important public offices. During his two terms as trustee of Holmes township, much desirable progress was made in its affairs, and he was a justice of the peace there for two years. For 22 years he was a director of the agricultural society and for six years a director of the Crawford County Mutual Fire Insurance Company. He is serving in his second term as one of the directors of the Crawford County Infirmary.

On Dec. 27, 1866, Mr. Vore was married to Miss Louisa F. Kanable, who was born in Holmes township, April 4, 1844, a daughter of Enoch and Rebecca (Gordon) Kanable. Her parents were born in Bedford county, Pa.

Mr. and Mrs. Vore have one daughter, Clyde L., who was born Jan. 1, 1868, in Holmes township. She married Curtis L. Dobbins, and they reside on his farm in Marion county, O. They have two sons: Ray V. and Earl Keith. Mr. and Mrs. Vore are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. He is a charter member of the Holmes Grange, Patrons of Husbandry, and later identified himself with Bucyrus Grange, No. 705, of which he was master for four years, and in December, 1892, he received the seventh and highest degree in the Grange.

JACOB W. STIGER, a well known citizen of Bucyrus, O., who now lives retired

and occupies his handsome residence at No. 883 South Poplar Street, has been a resident of Ohio since childhood, but his birth occurred at Williamsport, Pa., February 22, 1838. His parents were Abraham and Rosina (Clineman) Stiger.

The Stigers belonged to Wurtemberg, Germany, and there the grandparents lived into old age, their two sons, Abraham and Jacob Frederick, both coming to the United States. Prior to this Abraham served three years in the standing army and later for four years held a commission on the German emperor's staff. When honorably discharged he was married in the village of Myring, nine miles from his native city, to Rosina Clineman. She had one brother, John Clineman, who also came to the United States, where he engaged in hotel keeping and farming and died at Calumet, Cook county, Ill., leaving six sons.

Abraham Stiger and wife set out for America on the day following their marriage, taking passage on a slow-going sailing vessel that required 75 days to make the harbor of New York. From there they went to Lycoming county, Pa., early in the twenties, and resided there for some years and then went to Illinois and in Cook county made a purchase of five lots in the swampy village of Chicago, along the sluggish river. Mr. Stiger built a house for his family but the climate proved detrimental to their health and they remained but two years. The land that he once owned is now valued at many thousands of dollars, this being the site of the Northwestern Railroad station, Chicago, a busy section of the second largest city in the country. In 1844 Mr. Stiger brought his family to Bucyrus and here he resided until his death on June 15, 1860. While living in Pennsylvania he engaged in farming and was also a charcoal burner but he had artistic talents and these he put to use after locating permanently at Bucyrus. He was a member of the German Reformed church, while his wife, late in life, united with the German Methodists. They had four daughters and one son born to them: Mary, who is the wife of John D. Alcott, of Milwaukee, Wis.,

and has one son; Jacob W.; Catherina, deceased, who was the wife of Dennis Manning, also deceased; Minnie, who is the widow of John G. Carpenter, and resides in the city of Chicago; and Rosina, the widow of Oliver C. Carpenter, formerly of Chicago, who has three sons and two daughters.

Jacob W. Stiger received his early school instruction from Miss Anna McCracken, who taught in a little building that then stood on the site of the present Park Hotel, at Bucyrus. When sixteen years of age, not being subject to military service as had his father in his youth, he was ready to learn a trade and chose harnessmaking, which he learned under John Sins, one of the early business men of the place. In 1857 Mr. Stiger left Ohio and traveled through the West, working at his trade, until the death of his father recalled him home. He spent some time in Chicago and two years at St. Paul, Minn., and a short period at Freeport, Ill., and then he went back to Bucyrus and started into business here in his trade line and was prospering when the Civil War broke out. On July 16, 1861, he enlisted for service in Co. E, 34th O. Vol. Inf., of which he was commissioned a corporal, and served with this regiment for 21 months, when he received his honorable discharge at Cincinnati. He returned then to Bucyrus and resumed his harness and saddlery business, in which he continued until 1876, when he became a farmer in Scott township, Marion county, and in 1882 he purchased a farm in Bucyrus township, Crawford county, where he followed agricultural pursuits until 1910, when he retired. He owns an entire block on the edge of the city, in the midst of which stands his fine residence, surrounded by beautifully laid out grounds.

Mr. Stiger was married in Marion county, O., May 3, 1864, to Miss Ellen M. Monnett, who was born there Jan. 22, 1843, a daughter of Thomas and Hannah (Belt) Monnett. Mrs. Stiger is a cultured and educated lady and prior to her marriage was a teacher. Six children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Stiger: Charles W., who is

president and manager of the Motor Device Company, an important enterprise of Chicago, and who married Louisa Rathbone, of Peoria, Ill., and has two children—Marion and Charles W.; Gertrude M., who is the wife of Ira B. Chadwich, superintendent of the T. & O. Railroad at Bucyrus, and has one daughter, Arnie Louise; John R., who was graduated from the law department of the State University at Columbus, and who became a member of the law firm of Hills & McCoy, Chicago, and died there in 1898, when aged but 28 years; Arnie C., who is the wife of Oscar F. Cretcher; Thomas A., who is engaged in the practice of law at Everett, Wash., and who married Anna Raymond and has two children—Louise and Thomas Raymond; and Cora, who is the wife of Prof. Augustus Goldsmith, who is an instructor in music in the public schools at Bucyrus. Every educational advantage possible were afforded the above family and all were creditably graduated from one or more institutions. Mr. and Mrs. Stiger are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. At their hospitable home both friend and stranger find welcome and courteous greeting.

EMANUEL AUMILLER, one of the best known citizens of Bucyrus, O., residing at No. 354 Warren street, has long been numbered with the leading men and substantial citizens of Crawford county. He is the owner of numerous valuable farms in this county together with improved land in Nebraska. He was born in Holmes township, Crawford county, O., Oct. 5, 1838, and is a son of Daniel and Sarah (Boyer) Aumiller.

The Aumiller family originated in France and from that country the great-grandfather of Emanuel Aumiller came to America with a body of British soldiery during the Revolutionary War. After reaching the colonies he became impressed with the righteousness of their cause and, through a clever subterfuge, managed to escape from the English troopers and later became a loyal and useful soldier in the Patriot army. It is supposed that he died in Pennsylvania,

and it is certain that his son, John Aumiller, died in that state. The widow of John Aumiller came to Ohio and when an old lady went to Indiana and died at the home of her son, George Aumiller, in Elkhart county. She had but two sons, George and Daniel, both of whom were born in Union county, Pa., the latter in 1810. In 1828 the sons accompanied their mother to Ohio, covering the distance to Crawford county with a two-horse wagon and camping by the roadside on the way to rest. For some years they all lived together on a farm that George purchased near Bucyrus, but the latter subsequently moved to Elkhart county, Indiana, and there became a man of independent fortune.

In 1831 Daniel Aumiller entered eighty acres of wild land in Crawford county and to the development and improvement of this land the rest of his life was more or less devoted. He married Sarah Boyer, who was born in 1819, in Union county, Pa., and she survived her husband for 18 years, dying at the age of eighty-two. She was an estimable woman and a devoted member of the Evangelical Association. They reared their family of eleven children to man and womanhood and seven of these survive.

Emanuel Aumiller was the second born and the second son of the family. He took advantage of the rather meager educational opportunities offered children in his day in the neighborhood of his father's farm and very early became accustomed to the work of the farm. Mr. Aumiller continued to operate his land himself for many years, after which he relieved himself of some of his responsibilities and retired to Bucyrus. In addition to his handsome place in this city, he owns 200 acres of improved land in Holmes township, three farms of 112, 80 and 78 acres, all in Bucyrus township, and 480 acres in Nemaha county, Neb.

Mr. Aumiller was married in Holmes township to Miss Lucy A. Heller, who was born Dec. 1, 1841, and died at her Bucyrus home, Sept. 14, 1906. She was a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal church, to which her husband also belongs. Mr.

and Mrs. Aumiller had two sons, Daniel and Jesse E. The former is a prominent farmer in Bucyrus township, married Maria Miller and they had an adopted daughter, Jessie E., who was born in 1873, died in 1911. His second wife is a resident of Chicago, Ill., and their two children, Lucile and George E., both died young. Mr. Aumiller is a Republican in politics.

HENRY J. STUMP, who is a leading citizen of Whetstone township, and the owner of 135 acres of valuable land here, was born in this township, Jan. 23, 1867, and is a son of Isaac and Elizabeth (Heinlen) Stump.

Isaac Stump was born in Pennsylvania and came to Crawford county in young manhood, where he subsequently married and engaged in farming for a number of years. He and his wife now live retired in this township, their home being a short distance west of the one occupied and owned by Henry J. Stump. Isaac Stump is a staunch Democrat and in former years was quite active in politics and public affairs in his township and served both as trustee and treasurer. He and wife are members of the German Reformed church. They have five children, namely: Esther, who is the wife of Emanuel D. Sherer; Sarah, who is the wife of Daniel W. Hurr; Henry J.; Amanda, who is the wife of Edward D. Zimmerman; and Emma, who was married (first) to Charles Lepp, and (second) to Simeon G. Kurtz.

Henry J. Stump attended the public schools of Whetstone township and worked with his father on the home farm until his own marriage, after which he engaged in farming on the home place on shares and three years later rented farm land from his father for about ten years. He then purchased 74 acres from his father, which he put in fine shape, subsequently buying 61 acres more, all together making about as large a farm as he cares to handle. He raises the general crops of the locality, has fine orchards and garden and grows his own stock, not the fancy kinds, but nevertheless of good grade.

On Jan. 10, 1889, Mr. Stump was married to Miss Elma D. Rorick, a daughter of Samuel and Mary (Heinlen) Rorick, formerly well known farming people living in Whetstone township but now retired residents of Bucyrus. They had the following children: Elizabeth, deceased, who was the wife of John Snyder; William, who is deceased; Charles; Elma D.; Henry; Amanda, who is the wife of Morris Roberts; Anna, who is the wife of John Baumonk; and Ora and Rosa, both of whom are deceased.

Mr. and Mrs. Stump have two daughters: Chloe E., who is the wife of William M. Wingert and has one son, Layton; and Bernice, who attends the township schools. Mr. Stump and family are members of the Reformed church. He is a Democrat in politics and for four years served in the office of township trustee and for two years was supervisor.

J. GEORGE HIPPI, a well known and reliable business man of Bucyrus, O., a builder and contractor here for many years, was born in this city, on what is now South Sandusky avenue, Oct. 26, 1858, and is a son of Sebastian and Elizabeth (Brand) Hipp.

Sebastian Hipp was born in Wurtemberg, Germany and was 19 years of age when he took passage on a sailing vessel for the United States and after a voyage of many weeks was safely landed at Castle Garden, New York City, and from there came to Bucyrus. Here he followed the weaving of the beautiful German bedspreads which many Americans would pay large prices to obtain at the present day and those who are fortunate enough to possess them, treasure them with care. He was an expert in this line of manufacturing and knew how to blend his colors and bring out the beauty of the pattern. Like many other old industries, machinery soon replaced hand work to such an extent that the latter became unprofitable. He later became interested in a woolen mill at Butler, O., and still later moved to Mansfield, where he now resides, being in his 85th year. He was married at Bucyrus to Elizabeth Brand, who was born in Baden Baden, Germany

and was a child when her people came with her to America. The parents of Mrs. Hipp located at Bloomville, Seneca county, where she grew to womanhood and about that time they came to Bucyrus, where they later passed away. Mrs. Hipp died at Mansfield, O., March 7, 1909. She was a devoted member of the German Reformed church.

J. George Hipp is the eldest of a family of nine children, one of whom died in infancy, eight reaching maturity. He attended school at Bucyrus and then learned the carpenter trade and subsequently went into building and contracting. He has always been a steady, hard-working man, practical in everything and well merits his reputation for reliability. Mr. Hipp handles a large amount of work in his line at Bucyrus.

Mr. Hipp married Miss Elizabeth Beal, whose birth in Bucyrus township preceded his own by 24 days. She is a daughter of Isaac Beal, once a well known farmer of Bucyrus township, and they have the following children: Raymond C., who fills a very important position, being head of the claim department of the John Deere Manufacturing Company, of Atlanta, Ga.; Rufus B., who is a commercial salesman for George B. Barrett Jewelry Company, of Pittsburgh, Pa.; Mary Elizabeth, who is a graduate of the Bucyrus High School; Naomi C., who is a member of the class of 1912, Bucyrus High School; and Martha L., who is also a student in the High School of this city. These young ladies all take part in the pleasant social life here and with their parents belong to the German Methodist Episcopal church.

JOHN GEBHARDT, president of the city council of Bucyrus, O., and formerly sheriff of Crawford county, has long been prominent in public affairs in city and county. He was born two miles north of Bucyrus, Sept. 6, 1859, and is a son of Adam and Susan (Brand) Gebhardt.

The parents of Mr. Gebhardt belonged to old families of Baden, Germany. The father, Adam Gebhardt, was born at Ep-

ping, in the above province, Sept. 15, 1815. He was early left an orphan and from the age of 15 years depended entirely upon himself, for a number of years doing farm labor in Germany and also being driver of a stage. He was married in Germany to Elizabeth Whittmer. In 1848 the country became so disturbed with revolutionary ideas that peaceful labor became difficult to secure and thus he and family turned their thoughts to America and finally started for the United States. In those days the inspection of sailing ships was not very thorough and the one on which this party embarked sprung a leak when along the Irish coast and it became necessary to stop until repairs could be made. Thus the voyage consumed 68 days but the tired passengers were finally landed safely at New York. Their journey was not yet over, however, as they intended to locate in Crawford county, O., which entailed a further water trip as far as Sandusky and a wagon journey before Holmes township, Crawford county, was reached. Adam Gebhardt secured 160 acres situated two miles north of Bucyrus, of land almost new, his being the second transfer from the Government. There he spent a laborious life, working early and late to develop his land and make improvements. He died on this farm August 17, 1897. He was a worthy member of the German Lutheran church and was a man of whom his neighbors ever spoke kindly. His first wife died six months after reaching America, leaving two daughters: Eva, who died in 1911, who was the wife of Philip Whittmer, of Paulding county, O., and left a large family; and Elizabeth, who died some thirty years since. She was married first to Jacob Defenbaugh, and second to John Frey, both of whom she survived.

Adam Gebhardt's second union was with Susan Brand, who was then living at Bloomville, O. She was born at Fortsheim, Baden, Germany, July 12, 1827, and was brought young to the United States by her parents, Christian and Elizabeth (Musselman) Brand. They located in Seneca county, O., where she was reared. Mrs. Gebhardt survives and is a typical pioneer

woman, one of those whose courage and resourcefulness added so much to the comfort and happiness of the home in the early days when privations had to be faced on every side. She tells in an interesting way of many expedients resorted to by careful housewives of her day and has cooked many a satisfying meal on coals from burnt logs in the open, and has done it all the year round. She is a member of the Mennonite church. Personally she is greatly beloved, her sympathy and neighborly kindness never failing when trouble falls on those within her reach. Five children were born to this second marriage, as follows: Catherine, who died in 1906, who was the wife of John C. Krauter, and left three sons and five daughters; Caroline, who is the wife of William Krauter, a farmer in Bucyrus township, and has five children; Jacob, who lives in Oregon; John; and Susan, who is the widow of August Michileus, and who resides at Bucyrus and has five children.

John Gebhardt grew up on the home farm, which yet belongs to the family, and obtained his education in the local schools. In 1893 he began to cry sales and from his first effort it was predicted that he would be unusually successful as an auctioneer, which judgment was later confirmed and undoubtedly he has a greater popularity along this line than any one else in this part of Ohio. He is a general auctioneer and it makes no difference to him what kind of property is for sale, as his knowledge is extensive, his ready flow of wit can be applied alike to any commodity and his voice can be modulated to suit any occasion. After coming to Bucyrus in 1893 he was associated with John Snively in the meat market business in which he continued for about five years. For six months afterward he devoted himself entirely to auctioneering and then purchased a market business of his own, which he conducted until 1901, when he was elected sheriff of Crawford county and served most acceptably through two terms. For more than 21 years he has been a member and during the greater part of the time vice-president of the Crawford County Agricultural Society and both in

city and county is recognized as one of the live men of this section. He has served on the school board and is now president of the city council in his second term.

Mr. Gebhardt was married at Bucyrus to Miss Emma Caroline Vollrath, born April 27, 1862, a daughter of F. August and Caroline (Ashbaucher) Vollrath, natives of Germany, who lived and died on their farm in Cranberry township, Crawford county. Mrs. Gebhardt is one of a family of eleven children. Mr. and Mrs. Gebhardt have two children: Janet Susan, born Nov. 20, 1882, who is the wife of Louis F. Ronfeldt of Bucyrus; and Cleo Edward, who was born May 24, 1886. He has been connected with the Bucyrus City Bank since he was fifteen years of age. Mr. and Mrs. Gebhardt are members of the German Lutheran church.

MICHAEL D. BAIR, farmer, owning 90 acres of good land in Whetstone township, Crawford county, O., was born in this township, Oct. 26, 1860, a son of John and Rebecca (Shearer) Bair. The father of our subject, John Bair, was a native of Stark county, Ohio, where he spent his life in farming. He was a Republican in politics and was affiliated religiously with the Lutheran church. As above intimated, he married Rebecca Shearer, who was born in Whetstone, Crawford county, and they became the parents of seven children, namely: George W., Samuel M., Rachel Ann, who married George Ness; Michael D., subject of this sketch; Adam, now deceased; Sadie J., also deceased, who was the wife of John Seifert, and Lilly, wife of Lawrence McMichael. Samuel M. resides on a farm in Whetstone township, which is a part of the old Bair homestead.

Michael D. Bair acquired his education in the common schools and then took up farming, which he has since followed as an occupation. After starting in for himself, he rented a farm for eight years and then bought his present tract of 90 acres from the Bair heirs. He has convenient and substantial buildings, does general farming and keeps enough stock for his own use. In

politics he is a Republican and for the last six years has served the township as school director.

He was married Dec. 19, 1886, to Clara Shumaker, a daughter of John and Catherine (Dickerhoof) Shumaker, who were formerly farming people in Polk township. Mrs. Shumaker has passed away but Mr. Shumaker, Mrs. Bair's father, is living in Galion, being now retired from the active business of life. He is a Democrat and in religion a member of the German Lutheran church, as was also Mrs. Shumaker. Their children were as follows: Belle, wife of Ira Morrow; Clara, who is now Mrs. Bair; Mary, wife of Frank Tracht; and Andrew, who is deceased. Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Bair have one son, Andrew W., who was born Oct. 18, 1893, and who lives with his father on the farm. The family attend the English Lutheran church, and are people well known and respected throughout this locality.

JAMES THROUPE, a highly respected citizen of Bucyrus, O., who now lives retired from active business, for 35 years held the responsible position of general foreman of the shops connected with one of the largest industrial concerns of the country, the American Clay Machinery Company, at Bucyrus, O. He was born at Bradley, in Yorkshire, England, October 28, 1830, but in his erect carriage and robust health, he might be credited as much younger. He comes of sturdy Yorkshire folk, his parents and grandparents living there into old age. He is a son of John and Maria (Sugdin) Throupe.

John Throupe was born near Stilson and Bradley, England, in 1800, a son of William Throupe, and he had one brother, William, who lived and died in Yorkshire. John Throupe was a miller and operated a grist mill, utilizing water power for the same. He married Maria Sugdin, a daughter of Jonas and Maria Sugdin. Her death occurred in England in 1880, when aged about eighty years. She was a devout member of the Church of England. To John Throupe and wife ten children were born and almost

all lived to marry and rear children of their own. Of this family James is the only survivor.

James Throupe was reared in his native shire and attended the village school. He left home for America when eighteen years of age, but previously had learned the machinist trade and, while he believed the United States would offer him a better industrial opportunity, he had no idea of coming to this country empty handed and helpless. In 1848, when he boarded the sailing vessel, the Benjamin Adams, for the harbor of New York, he scarcely anticipated the discomforts that attended the long voyage of six weeks on a stormy sea, but finally safely reached port and started for Ohio as his objective point. From Cleveland he went to Alliance and about the first work he found was sawing wood to feed the engines that were then used on the old Fort Wayne Railroad. Within two years, however, he had a remunerative position in the railroad shops and after eighteen months at Alliance he came to Bucyrus and, in connection with a Mr. William Burkhart, started a repair shop which was the nucleus or beginning of the present American Clay Machinery Company. Afterward he became general foreman and as mentioned above, for many years afterward was continued in that position and was one of the most valued and trusted employees. Although for a number of years sadly handicapped by an accident, he nevertheless possessed the efficiency, the unerring eye and the executive ability that made his services very valuable. During the Civil War he was enthusiastic in his support of the Union cause and when General Grant accomplished the surrender of Vicksburg and the citizens of Bucyrus proposed a celebration in honor of this victory, Mr. Throupe was given charge of the cannon used on the occasion. Through a premature explosion an accident occurred which caused the breaking and subsequent loss of Mr. Throupe's right arm. This accident was deplored by the whole city and checked the festivities.

Mr. Throupe was married at Bucyrus to Miss Helen Kirkland, who was born in

Liberty township, Crawford county, in 1838, and died at the family home here, January 19, 1882, at the age of 44 years, 6 months and 18 days. She was a daughter of Robert and Roxy (Stone) Kirkland, the former of whom was born in England and the latter in America. Thirteen children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Throupe, all but five of these dying when young, the others being as follows: Martha, who is the wife of Theodore Rhurk, a farmer in Jefferson county, and has two children, William and Blanche, both of whom are married, the former being the father of Elwood and Louis; Frances, who is the wife of Elijah Clark, an engineer on the T. & O. C. Railroad, residing at Bucyrus, and has two children, Victor and Ruth, the former of whom is married and has one son; Ida, the widow of Samuel Rule, who resides with her father, and has two children, Orvie and Nina; Jay, who is unmarried, and lives at Columbus; and Carrie, who is the wife of Benjamin Nickler, a farmer residing in Liberty township, Crawford county, and has six children—Martha, James, Edward, Robert, May and Roy.

JAMES W. GAMBLE, who has been officially connected with the law and order department of Bucyrus, O., for some years and at present fills a responsible position as merchants' watchman, is a well known and respected citizen whose reliability, efficiency and courage has been put to the test on many occasions. He takes a just pride in the implicit confidence that is placed in his fidelity by those whose property and interests he has guarded so faithfully, sometimes endangering his life in so doing.

James W. Gamble was born in 1851, in Franklin county, Pa. His grandfather, Filson Gamble, was born in Pennsylvania and his great grandfather was a soldier in the Revolutionary war. The grandparents lived and died in Pennsylvania and their children who survived infancy were: Samuel, who became a Presbyterian minister; Ezra, who went to the far West and engaged in gold mining; Calvin, who served in the Civil war and afterward became a farmer; Frank, who

died from injuries received during his service in the Civil war; Mrs. Amanda Blair, who lived in Kansas; Tirzah, wife of Dr. Mackey, of Colorado; and James Filson, father of James W.

James F. Gamble was born in Franklin county, Pa., in Path Valley, Feb. 11, 1826, and died in the state of New York. He served an apprenticeship to several mechanical trades in Cumberland county, Pa. He was married Jan. 24, 1850, in Cumberland county, to Bathsheba McCune Morrow, who was born in Cumberland county, Dec. 11, 1826, and died in Franklin county, Pa., May 24, 1905. Both she and her husband were members of the Presbyterian church. Her parents were William and Mary (Boyd) Morrow, the former of whom was born January 26, 1767, and died June 1, 1843. Mary Boyd was born Nov. 11, 1781, and died June 5, 1855. There were nine children born to William and Mary Morrow, namely: Margaret M., who died April 19, 1884, at the age of 71 years, was the wife of Thomas Lindsey; Agnes B., born in 1814, married Rev. John McCullough, and died in 1894; Mary, born in 1815, who married William Ferguson in 1843, died when aged; Jane McCune, born in 1816, died April 5, 1887, who married Elias Asper; William, Jr., born in 1817, died in 1883, and who married Carolyn Wallace; Elizabeth, born in 1819, died in 1884, the wife of Samuel Shoemaker; James B., born Sept. 14, 1820, who died Oct. 12, 1869, while a miner in the gold fields of California; John B., who was born Feb. 24, 1822, died Dec. 25, 1894, married Rebecca Stauffer; Bathsheba McCune, who married James F. Gamble, being the youngest.

To James F. Gamble and wife the following children were born: James W.; Mary C., who is the widow of George Alexander; Wilbert Elton, an oil operator residing near Parker's Landing, Pa., who married Sadie Parton; Curtis L., who died June 18, 1906, at Youngstown, O., and who is survived by a widow and children; Rosa Bell, who is the wife of Putnam Doran, residing in Franklin county, Pa., and has two daughters; and Frank Elmer, a business man of

Youngstown, who married Alice Dille and has one son.

In 1863, when he was twelve years old, James W. Gamble came to Crawford county, O., with his uncle, Calvin. He attended school for several years and then became a farmer and continued until 1885, when he came to Bucyrus. Here he followed the carpenter trade for a few years and then became a member of the city police force and still later entered upon the duties of his present position as special watchman.

On Oct. 21, 1873, Mr. Gamble was married to Miss Elizabeth McCreary, who was born Feb. 26, 1852, and died Nov. 17, 1904, near Lincoln, Neb. She was a member and active worker in St. Paul's Lutheran church of Bucyrus. She was a daughter of Thomas and Eliza (Boyer) McCreary.

Thomas McCreary was born July 15, 1826, and died at Bucyrus when over 80 years of age. He was of Scotch ancestry and possessed many of the characteristics of that hardy and thrifty race. For a number of years he engaged successfully in farming in Crawford county and was a man of considerable worldly substance. His wife, Eliza Boyer, was born Jan. 30, 1829, and died Dec. 24, 1867. She and husband were English Lutherans.

To Mr. and Mrs. Gamble four children were born, namely: Mabel Grace, who died in infancy; Curtis Guy, who was educated at Bucyrus and is engaged in the oil fields in Illinois as a contractor; and Ella M. and Ina Imo, both of whom are highly educated, cultivated and capable young women. The former was graduated from the Bucyrus high school in the class of 1900 and since then has filled the position of confidential secretary for the late Judge Beer and his heirs, settling up his estate and then entering into business on her own account. She is a member of the literary club known as Crocus Junior. The younger daughter completed her high school course in 1903 and now has charge of her father's home. Miss Imo is also a member of the Crocus Junior Club. Both she and sister are active Sunday-school workers and belong to the

King's Daughters and other church and social organizations.

Mr. Gamble is a Republican in politics. He belongs to the fraternal order of Macabees.

SIMEON G. KURTZ, who is a worthy representative of one of the old families of high standing in Crawford county, O., resides on his valuable farm of 121½ acres, which is situated in Whetstone township. He was born in this township, Dec. 10, 1875, and is a son of Samuel and Margaret (Rexroth) Kurtz, and a grandson of George Kurtz.

Samuel Kurtz and wife were both born in Crawford county and for many years lived in Whetstone township, where they are pleasantly remembered, but now live in comfortable retirement at Bucyrus. To them the following children were born: George, Aaron, Simeon G., Catherine, Bertha, Harrison, Paul and Edwin. Of the above, Bertha is the wife of Russell Meyers. All survive except Catherine and Paul. The parents are members of the Reformed church.

Simeon G. Kurtz attended the public schools in Whetstone township and one term at Ada college, Ada, O., after which he engaged in teaching school for three winter terms and during the summers carried on farm operations for his father. When he married he rented his present farm from his father-in-law and purchased it three years later and has devoted his attention to general farming and stock raising ever since, keeping up his grade of stock but not making calculations to have any to sell.

On Nov. 20, 1901, Mr. Kurtz was married to Miss Emma Stump, who is a daughter of Isaac and Elizabeth (Heintlen) Stump. Her father was born in Pennsylvania and her mother in Crawford county and they now live retired on their farm but one-fourth mile west of their son, Henry J. Stump's farm in Whetstone township. Mr. and Mrs. Kurtz have two children: Myron Clinton and La Verne Simeon. The family belongs to the Reformed church and Mr. Kurtz is superintendent of the Sunday-

school and is also a member of the board of trustees. Both he and wife belong to the Grange at Bucyrus and take part in its work and enjoy its social features. In politics Mr. Kurtz is a Republican.

W. E. ARNOLD, D. D. S., who has been professionally established at Bucyrus, O., since 1905, is in the enjoyment of an excellent class of practice, having won confidence and approbation through his technical skill, complete mastery of his science and his honorable methods of business. He was born at Mt. Vernon, O., June 24, 1878, and is a son of Charles and Mary Ann (Flocken) Arnold.

Charles Arnold was born in Baden, Germany, and is now 62 years of age and a resident of Bucyrus. He came to America when 19 years of age and for some years followed the trade of a machinist, but for the past 20 years has been engaged in a manufacturing business. Politically he is a Democrat and fraternally is an Odd Fellow and a 32nd degree Mason. He married Anna Flocken, who was born at Bucyrus, and they are parents of two sons: W. E. and Charles F. The latter is a resident of Akron, O., and married Myrtle Collins.

Since he was 18 years of age Dr. W. E. Arnold has been interested in dentistry and after graduating from the Mt. Vernon high school, at the age of 18, he entered the dental department of the Ohio Medical University, at Columbus, where he was graduated in the class of 1901. Prior to 1905, when he came to locate permanently at Bucyrus, he practiced at Wheeling, W. Va., and at other points. He makes a specialty of crown and bridge work, does fine porcelain work also and keeps thoroughly abreast with the times in a profession which is continually advancing along scientific lines.

Dr. Arnold was married at Wheeling, W. Va., to Miss Blanche Smouse, a daughter of Thomas Smouse. The father of Mrs. Arnold was of German ancestry. His death occurred in 1890 and that of his widow in 1911, she being then over 70 years of age. They were members of the Roman Catholic church. Of their large family eight sur-

vive. Dr. and Mrs. Arnold have two sons: Henry William, who was born April 8, 1908; and Robert Charles, who was born May 21, 1910. Mrs. Arnold was educated at Wheeling and Grafton, W. Va. Politically Dr. Arnold is a Democrat and fraternally he belongs to the Elks, at Mt. Vernon. He was reared in the German Lutheran church.

OTTO FEIRING, merchant tailor and one of the representative business men of Bucyrus, O., conducting his business on the northwest corner of the public square, was born at Bucyrus, March 11, 1867, and is a son of Frederick and Elizabeth (Schuler) Feiring, and a grandson of Frederick Feiring.

Frederick Feiring, the grandfather, was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, in 1818, and died in Ohio in 1866. He came to America and settled in Crawford county about 1833 and his first work here was on what was commonly called the Big Ditch, or the Hahn Ditch, not far from Bucyrus, the completion of which proved the advantage of draining the low wet lands that then composed a large part of the present most valuable farming sections. With the money thus earned he purchased a team of horses and then went into the carrying business, transporting merchandise between Sandusky and Bucyrus. No railroads had yet been constructed and for some years this industry was very profitable. He then became associated with William Hahn, in the manufacture of brick and they did some of the earliest brickmaking in the county and continued together for four years. Mr. Feiring then went into the meat business and prospered, becoming a large cattle dealer and butcher and was in this business until 1852, when he purchased the Western Hotel of its former owner, Mr. Kingsinger. This is now known as the old Royal Hotel, and Mr. Feiring continued to be its proprietor until his death, in the meanwhile having improved the property to the value of \$7,000. He was a strong character and is still remembered by the older residents of Bucyrus. He was a very ardent Demo-

erat and it is said that occasionally, when he found that his guests were just as ardent Republicans, he would suggest that they find another place of entertainment. He married Barbara Price, also of Wurtemberg, a woman of fine character, frugal and resourceful, and she was of much assistance to her husband. They had three sons and five daughters: Frederick J., George Henry, Charles, Mary, Callie, Emma, Mattie and Ida. The mother died at the home of a daughter, Mrs. A. J. Keller, of Kenton, Ohio.

Frederick Feiring, Jr., son of Frederick and father of Otto Feiring, was born at Bucyrus, O., and when he went into business, in mature life, became a butcher and stock buyer and was one of the well known business men of the city. Like his father he was a strong Democrat and once was a candidate for the office of city marshal, failing of election by but four votes. His death occurred in 1883, at the age of forty-one years. He married Elizabeth Schuler, who was born at Bucyrus in 1848 and died in 1877, at the early age of twenty-nine years. She was a daughter of Frederick and Eva (Stoll) Schuler, natives respectively of Baden and Wurtemberg, Germany. They came to America in 1832 and landed at the harbor of New York and remained in that city for five years, when they married, and in the following year, 1838, came to Bucyrus. Frederick Schuler was a shoemaker by trade and this he carried on in this city during all his active years, his death occurring in 1892. He and wife were German Lutherans. One son survives, Jacob Schuler, who follows his father's trade and lives also at Bucyrus. Five children were born to Frederick and Elizabeth Feiring, three of whom died in infancy. The two survivors are: Otto and Annetta, the latter of whom lives with her brother.

Otto Feiring obtained his education in the Bucyrus schools and at the age of eighteen years began to learn his trade, and from 1885 until 1897, when he went into business for himself, he worked at the same in this city and at Crestline. His present location is an excellent one and with the exception

of seven years, he has been here ever since embarking in the business. He carries a large stock and caters to the best trade.

On Nov. 16, 1898, Mr. Feiring was married in this city to Miss Clara Wagner, who was born in Bucyrus, Ohio, in 1869. Her parents, Robert and Mary Ann Wagner, were natives of Saxony, Germany where they were married. After the death of Mr. Wagner his widow married Edward Meisner, of Bucyrus. Mrs. Feiring has one sister and one brother: Anna and Frank. The former is the wife of M. A. Charlton, who is at the head of a department in the State Industrial School near Lancaster, Mrs. Charlton being the matron in one of the cottages. They have two children: Paul and Susan.

Mr. Feiring is a Democrat in politics and is serving in the office of treasurer of Bucyrus township. He belongs to Demas Lodge, No. 108, Knights of Pythias, of which he is past chancellor, and is also identified with the Modern Woodmen. Mr. and Mrs. Feiring are members of the German Lutheran church.

FRANCIS E. COOK, who has been freight and passenger agent for the Erie Railway, at Galion, O., since 1904, has spent many years in the employ of this corporation and stands high with its officials and with the traveling public. He was born in Richland county, O., near the Crawford county line, Aug. 19, 1865, and is a son of Richard E. and Isabel (Sanderline) Cook.

Richard E. Cook was born in Richland county, O., where he married, and then moved to Wyandot county, where he engaged in farming for a number of years, afterward returning to Richland county, and in 1883 retiring and coming to Galion, where he died in 1903, aged 81 years. His widow still resides at Galion, occupying her comfortable residence on First Avenue, and the family still owns the farm. She is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and has a wide circle of congenial friends and seven of her children survive, as follows: Marion E., who lives at Painesville; Charles A., who lives at Mansfield; Arminta

A., who married Adolph Bersinger of Galion, and has three children; Lawrence R., who lives in California; Ida M., who married W. A. Townsend, of Galion, and has four children; Sidney C., who married William Hilscher, of Galion, and has two children; and Francis E., who lives in Galion.

Francis E. Cook, after graduating from the Galion high school in 1887, entered the Spencerian Business College at Cleveland, and after being graduated there accepted a clerical position in the offices of the Erie Railway Company at Galion, and for eight years was bill clerk and later foreman at Galion Transfer until being appointed to his present position as general agent in 1904. Since 1888 he has been continuously connected with the freight and passenger department. Faithfulness and industry have contributed to his frequent promotions, and the mere fact of these testifies to his efficiency and reliability.

At Galion, O., Mr. Cook was married to Miss Etta J. Rinehart, who was born and educated here, a daughter of Charles and Clara B. (Wilhelm) Rinehart. The father of Mrs. Cook was born in Pennsylvania and the mother in Ohio, in which state they were married. The father died near Galion in which city the mother resides, being aged about 65 years. Mr. and Mrs. Cook have one son: Howard Edsel, who was born February 12, 1894, graduated from the Galion high school in 1911 and is a member of the class of 1915 in the Wesleyan College at Delaware, O.

Politically Mr. Cook is a Republican and he is active in local matters as well as outside affairs, belongs to the Commercial Club and has served three terms in the city council. He is a 32nd degree Mason, belonging to Blue lodge and chapter at Galion, council at Bucyrus, commandery at Mansfield and the consistory at Columbus, O. He and his wife are both members of the Order of the Eastern Star, Mrs. Cook at present being Worthy Matron. He is a charter member of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics and has held several important offices in this organization. Mr. Cook is also a member of the

National Association of Railway Agents, with whose members he and his family have traveled extensively, having visited cities and other points of interest in almost every state in the Union, also Cuba and Canada.

The Cooks are Methodists and a remarkable incident in the family is that Mr. and Mrs. Cook and son are all graduates of the Galion high school.

EDWARD C. HEINLA, an enterprising and successful business man, who is extensively interested in the stock business, owns 260 acres of valuable land in Whetstone township, Crawford county, and 160 equally valuable acres in Marion county, O., and additionally is a stockholder and director in the Farmers and Citizens Bank at Bucyrus. He was born in Whetstone township, May 27, 1875, and is a son of Lewis B. and Mary Jane (Fink) Heinla.

Lewis Heinla was born in Germany and came to Ohio in early manhood, where he married and subsequently became a substantial farmer in Crawford county. He was a member of the German Reformed church but his wife was reared in the United Brethren church. The following children were born to them: Henry; Lavina, who is the widow of Byron Neish; Amanda, who is the wife of W. G. Roberts; James and Edward C.

Edward C. Heinla attended the public schools in Whetstone township, and for about 18 months afterward was engaged in a general mercantile business at New Winchester. After disposing of his store to his brother he embarked in the stock business and has developed a large connection in this line, buying and selling, his markets being Cleveland, Buffalo and Pittsburgh, Pa.

Mr. Heinla was married in 1898 to Miss Gertrude R. Loyer, a daughter of Henry and Maggie (Gracie) Loyer, the latter of whom is now the wife of Isaac Albright. She is a daughter of James and Sarah (Evans) Gracie, who were born in Ireland. Mr. and Mrs. Heinla have two children: Floyd S. and Irma G. They attend the United Brethren church. Mr. Heinla is



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identified fraternally with the J. O. U. A. M. and the F. O. E., both at Bucyrus, and with the Owls at Galion. He is independent in his political opinions but is never lacking in any quality of good citizenship.

T. B. CARSON, who now lives in comfortable retirement at his home situated on South Kibler Street, New Washington, O., for many years was a public official here, before which he was a faithful soldier through the great Civil War. He was born in Seneca county, O., June 7, 1837, and is a son of Samuel and Elizabeth (Willoughby) Carson. Both the Carsons and Willoughbys originated in Ireland and both families came early to Ohio. Grandfather Robert Carson served through the Revolutionary War under General Washington, while Samuel Carson, the father of T. B. Carson, served through the War of 1812 and survived all its dangers, subsequently settling in Ohio, marrying and rearing his family of eleven children in Seneca county. Of these but two survive, the youngest son and the youngest daughter.

T. B. Carson enjoyed better educational advantages than did many of his companions and associates, attending the district schools at least during the winter sessions until 1858 and afterward was a student in the Seneca County Academy. Whatever future plans he had made, they were changed by the breaking out of the Civil War and in 1861 he enlisted as a private in Co. H, 14th Vol. Inf., under Captain Stafford, and participated in all the engagements in which his company took part up to the time of his discharge, Sept. 19, 1864, at Atlanta, Ga. He never was captured and never injured except on one occasion when he was kicked by a mule at Camp Dick Robinson, in Kentucky.

After his honorable discharge from the service, Mr. Carson returned to Seneca county, where he engaged in teaching school and in farming. Samuel Carson, father of our subject, entered 240 acres of land three miles north of New Washington. T. B. Carson devoted his summers to his land and in winter time taught school, five terms in Seneca county, one term in Huron county and eleven terms in Crawford county. In 1869 he bought 80 acres in Cranberry township, which

he cleared and improved and then sold, after which he bought 160 acres one-half mile to the east, to which he added 80 adjoining acres and spent his time engaged in farming until 1886, in which year he moved to New Washington, where he was interested in the real estate business until 1889. Samuel Carson erected the buildings on his farm on what is known as the old military road between Mansfield and Tiffin, this road having been laid out to run on west to the Ohio river. The situation of his home made it a convenient depot for what was once known as the Underground Railroad and as he had been reared with a hatred of human slavery, he often sheltered escaping slaves in the old days and on many occasions assisted them at night through the woods to the next stopping place, Sandusky City, from which depot they made their way to Detroit, Mich., and from there, if fortunate, soon reached freedom in Canada. There is no doubt but that many prosperous and respected people live in the Dominion of Canada at the present day whose grandparents were once in American slavery and were helped over the border by such philanthropists as Mr. Carson.

As indicated above, Mr. Carson imbibed anti-slavery views in his youth and later, when the Republican party was formed he became identified with it and has so continued. In 1889 he was appointed postmaster at New Washington and served in that important office for over 18 years although not quite continuously. He was postmaster from 1889 until 1893. In September, 1897 he was reappointed and continued until March 21, 1911, when he was succeeded by the present official, S. A. Pugh. Many changes in the service came about during Mr. Carson's long incumbency, including the establishing of the rural mail delivery service. He inaugurated reforms and made improvements at different times and through these raised the class of the office and insured more satisfactory conditions for the public. Mr. Carson has never accepted any other public office although, as one of the local party leaders, many have been tendered him. When he came to New Washington he was one of the seven Republicans in the voting precinct.

On May 2, 1861, in Seneca county, O., Mr.

Carson was married to a schoolmate, Miss Sarah Rebecca Smith, who was a daughter of Jonathan and Elizabeth (Bigani) Smith. Mr. and Mrs. Carson had seven children, three of whom are living, the others dying in infancy. Those living are: John W., Violet E. and Mabel. John W. married Lillie Smith and to them have been born five children—Lloyd, Nellie, Ethel, Irene and Robert. Violet E. was married first to A. J. Schwartz and they had two daughters, Mildred and Marie; she was married secondly to B. F. Long. Mabel O. is the wife of Edward Neis. The mother of the above family died Dec. 24, 1904, and her burial was at Swamp Center Cemetery, three miles north of New Washington. She was a faithful member of the Methodist Episcopal church, to which Mr. Carson also belongs. He is a member of the G. A. R. Post at New Washington and for many years has belonged to the Knights of Pythias.

FRANK J. HOERIGER,* whose excellent farm of 60½ acres lies in Liberty township, Crawford county, O., four and one-half miles northeast of Bucyrus, was born at Ridgeton, Crawford county, in 1878, and is a son of Christian W. and Catherine (Trautman) Hoeriger.

Christian Hoeriger was born in Ohio. He was twice married and two daughters, Alice and Ida, were born to his first union. Alice now lives with her second husband, John Pitke, at Cleveland, O. Her first husband, Elmer Sponseller, left two children at death, Lloyd and Florence. Ida resides at home. To his second marriage four children were born: Laura, Lillie, Lee and Frank J. Laura is the widow of John Cooper, who was accidentally killed in 1907, and she resides in Liberty township with her two children, Hartland and Mary. Lillie married C. H. Kenzuli and they reside at Bucyrus and have one daughter, Evaline. Lee is in business at Bucyrus.

Frank J. Hoeriger has been engaged in farming ever since he left school and has a well cared for and productive property. He married Miss Mary Beck, who is a daughter of Daniel and Alice (Rittenhour) Beck, who are well known and substantial people

of Liberty township. The Beck family is a very old one in Liberty township, the grandparents of Mrs. Hoeriger having been brought to this section by their parents in pioneer days, coming by wagon from Pennsylvania. Mrs. Hoeriger has three sisters and two brothers, namely: Ida, who is the wife of A. L. Hildebrand, of New Winchester, O., and has two children, Maurice and Cleo; Alice, who is the wife of William Smalls, of Liberty township and has one son, Chester; Pearl, who is the wife of E. J. Housberg, of New Winchester, and has two children, Howland and Orval; and Harry and Russell, who live at home. Mr. and Mrs. Hoeriger have one daughter, Alice Catherine. Mr. Hoeriger is a Democrat in politics. His standing in his neighborhood is that of a substantial, honest and useful citizen.

OLIVER K. CRALL, a general farmer and well known citizen of Bucyrus township, Crawford county, O., who owns 78 acres of valuable land in this township, was born June 13, 1856, in Liberty township, Crawford county, and is a son of John and Elizabeth (Raysor) Crall.

John Crall was born in Pennsylvania and was a son of Henry Crall. For many years he was a respected resident of Liberty township, Crawford county, where he carried on farming, and there both he and wife died and their burial was in the Crall graveyard. They were members of the United Brethren church. Their family was made up of the following children: John R.; David, who was a soldier in the Civil war and died while imprisoned by the Confederates in an old jail at Danville, Va.; Elizabeth, who was the wife of E. M. Moore, both of whom are now deceased; William H.; Elias; Oliver K.; and Susan, who is the wife of S. D. Meyers.

Oliver K. Crall attended school in Liberty township and enjoyed one term in the Normal school at Fostoria, O., following which, before settling down as a farmer, he taught one term of school. He remained on the homestead for one year after marriage but in November, 1881, came to Bu-

cyrus township, where he has lived ever since and has become one of the representative men of this section of the county. Although the land of his present farm was well situated and in every way desirable, yet he was not satisfied with the buildings and kept on improving until he had remodeled the house into a modern residence and had built not only a substantial new barn but machine sheds and other farm buildings. He has devoted himself to general farming and moderate stock raising and is generally regarded as one of the township's capable and prosperous agriculturists.

On Dec. 21, 1880, Mr. Crall was married to Miss Mary C. Kerr, who is a daughter of David E. and Margaret (Dobbins) Kerr. The father of Mrs. Crall is deceased, but the mother, now in her eighty-fifth year, lives comfortably at Bucyrus. To Mr. and Mrs. Kerr the following children were born: John A.; Margaret, wife of Robert Andrews; Belle J.; Mary C., wife of Mr. Crall; and Celestia I., who is the wife of John Eckard.

Mr. and Mrs. Crall have had three children, namely: Arthur K., who is deceased; Homer Boyd, who is a farmer in Bucyrus township, and married Susan Ebert; and Nellie B., formerly a student at Wooster College, who is now teaching, in her fifth year, in grade No. 8 in the Union school at Bucyrus. She is an educated and accomplished young lady and very successful in her educational work. Mr. Crall and family are members of the Presbyterian church. Politically he is a Republican but is not active in politics, taking the part only of a good citizen who has the best interests of the country at heart. He belongs to the Royal Arcanum at Bucyrus.

FRANK J. QUILTER, superintendent of the Broken Sword Stone Company, at Bucyrus, O., was born in the province of Ontario, Dominion of Canada, Nov. 1, 1853, a son of John and Bridget (Lawler) Quilter.

John Quilter was of French extraction. When he died, in the prime of life, he was a foreman on the construction work of the

Grand Trunk Railroad, in Canada. He married Bridget Lawler and both she and husband were born in Ireland and married there. She died at Bucyrus, in 1905, aged 85 years. Three children were born in Ireland—Catherine, Bessie and Matthew. About 1848 the family came to America and while living at Black Rock, N. Y., one son was born, John, who lived to maturity, married and died in New York, where his children still live. After moving to Canada, two more children were born: Frank J. and Joanna, the latter of whom lives in Colorado.

Frank J. Quilter was five years old when he accompanied his widowed mother to Cattaraugus county, N. Y., and he was reared in that state and learned the carpenter trade. At the age of twenty-five years he came to Ohio, since when he has been largely connected with railroads. For one year he was with the Lake Erie & Western and prior to 1881, when he came to Bucyrus, he was located for a year at Fostoria, with the T. & O. C. Company, and for 30 years was general foreman of the car department for that road. Since March 11, 1911, he has been superintendent of the Brokensword Stone Company, of which Dr. John A. Chesney is president; P. J. Carroll is vice-president and general manager; William H. Pickerington is treasurer. This business is capitalized at \$10,000 and is in a prosperous condition. Employment is given 65 men in the quarries, six miles northwest of the city. A speciality is concrete and crushed stone for macadamizing streets, and the trade territory is Ohio, together with West Virginia. Mr. Quilter is a director in the Citizens Stone Company and also in the Peoples Savings and Loan Company.

In 1877, in New York, Mr. Quilter was married to Miss Bridget Keane, who was born in Ireland in 1860 and in girlhood accompanied her mother to New York City. Her father, Patrick Keane, had died in Ireland but the mother survived until 1907. Mr. and Mrs. Quilter have had five children: Margaret, who died when aged 21 years, an educated young lady and a grad-

nate of the high school; John, a machinist, who lives at Olean, N. Y., and who married Mary Martin; Frank S., who died in 1904, and was a young man of brilliant promise; Blanche A., who is the wife of R. O. Parrott, general secretary of the American Clay Machinery Company, at Bucyrus, and has one daughter, Margaret M.; and Harry K., who is with the T. & O. C. Railroad Company, at Bucyrus. Mr. and Mrs. Quilter are members of the Holy Trinity Roman Catholic church. Since the Civil war he has been a Republican and has been active in public affairs and for seven years was a member of the city council. His fraternal affiliations include: the Elks, Modern Woodmen of America, Modern Woodmen of the World and the American National Association.

EDWARD E. COULTER, a well known agriculturist of Crawford county, owns and operates a farm of 157½ acres in Whetstone township. He was born March 3, 1862, in Marion county just across the line from where he now lives. His parents, Harvey and Mary A. (Carmean) Coulter, were natives of Huntingdon county, Pa., and Ross county, O., respectively. The father died about 1895 but the mother still survives and makes her home with her son, Edward E. Coulter. She was 82 years old on July 3, 1912.

Harvey Coulter was a farmer by occupation and politically adhered to the principles of the Democratic party. He and his wife became the parents of the following children: Malissa, the wife of Lewis Spiece; Rachel, now Mrs. J. W. Dowling; William; Mathew; Sarah, deceased, who was the wife of S. G. Hurr; Samuel; Edward E.; John S.; Effie, wife of Thomas Gruber; Orphia and Elger J.

After completing his common school education, Edward E. Coulter began farming, his first experience in this occupation being with his father. Farming has been his life work since, but for three years he was interested in the implement business in connection with it. He has cleared his land himself, it never having had a plow in it

before it came into his possession. Mr. Coulter also raises very fine stock, having Poland China hogs and full-blooded Durham cattle. He and his neighbors have formed a company which owns two full-blooded horses, one of which is a French coach horse and the other a French draft horse. Mr. Coulter has a modern residence which he has erected, as well as up-to-date farm buildings.

On Sept. 29, 1885, Mr. Coulter was married to Miss Emma Ruff, a daughter of Martin and Jacobina (Weidner) Ruff, natives of Germany, where they were married and where the father was a tailor but in later years owned a farm although he did not operate it. Both Mr. and Mrs. Ruff are now deceased. They were the parents of children as follows: Charles; William Philip; Mary, deceased, who was the wife of Philip Erb; Jacob; Henry, John, deceased; Catherine, wife of James Lanee; Emma (Mrs. Coulter); and Sarah, deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Edward E. Coulter have raised two orphans: Cora Lighty, wife of Paul Virgin; and Charles Lighty, who married Hazel Lee.

Mr. Coulter is independent in politics. He is serving as a member of the board of education, on which he served first three years and then was re-elected to serve four years more. He and his wife attend the Reformed church.

C. L. WHITMEYER,* whose excellent farm of 120 acres lies in Holmes township, Crawford county, O., nine miles northwest of Bucyrus, was born in Lykens township, Crawford county, three-fourth miles north of Brokensword, O. His parents were Henry and Eliza (Shupp) Whitmeyer.

Henry Whitmeyer was born at Lancaster, Pa., and was four years old when his people came to Stark county, O., and twelve years old when he came to Crawford county. He followed farming until 1903, when he retired and still resides at Bucyrus. He married Eliza Shupp, a daughter of Michael Shupp, of Dauphin county, Pa., and they have three children: C. L.; Sarah, who is a resident of Bucyrus; and Cather-

ine, who is the wife of John Brown, of Bucyrus.

After completing his years of school attendance in Crawford county, C. L. Whitmeyer taught seven terms of school and was considered an excellent teacher. After marriage he engaged in farming and ever since has resided on his present place and carries on stock raising and general agriculture. On April 2, 1895, he was married to Miss Tillie M. Miller, a daughter of Joshua and Catherine (Zeller) Miller, the former of whom is deceased. Mrs. Whitmeyer had one brother, John, who is now deceased.

To Mr. and Mrs. Whitmeyer five children have been born, namely: Gertrude, Lailah, Russell, Wayne and Ida Fay. The family attend the Evangelical church. Mr. Whitmeyer has served nine years in the office of justice of the peace. Politically he is a Democrat and fraternally is connected with the Foresters.

STANSBURY LEMMON MILLER, a prominent farmer of Dallas township, owns 80 acres of well cultivated land. He was born in Crawford county, May 10, 1864, being a son of Daniel and Maria (Lemmon) Miller.

John Miller, father of Daniel and grandfather of the subject of this sketch, was a native of Little York, Pa., from which place his parents removed to Perry county, Ohio, when he was young, and there he grew up. He became a cabinet maker and went to work at that trade in Licking county, Ohio, where he met and married Miss Lydia Murdick. In 1825 they removed to Crawford county and settled in the then small town of Bucyrus and here worked at his trade and also engaged in the hotel business and dry goods trade. He was one of the most prominent and successful men of his day and it was he who built the first carding mill which was for years one of the leading industries of the county. He was twice elected sheriff of Crawford county. He died in 1858 and his wife survived until 1871.

Daniel Miller was born in Perry county, Ohio, June 1, 1821, and was raised on a

farm. After completing his education in the common schools he took up farming and followed that all his life. In 1847 he was united in marriage with Miss Maria Lemmon, as before indicated. She was born May 20, 1827, in Seneca county, N. Y., but came to Ohio when a child. To Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Miller the following children were born: Jennie, deceased, who was the wife of Abel De Walt; John D.; Charles R.; Francis E.; Nettie, who died at the age of 18 years; Cassius M.; and Stansbury L., whose name heads this article.

After having attended the common schools of his neighborhood, Stansbury L. Miller secured employment in a railroad shop but remained there only one year when he turned his attention to farming, working with his father until the latter's death. Mr. Miller continued farming the home place until his mother died, when this farm was sold, and in 1898 he bought his present farm from Lorena Fisher, it being known as the Fisher farm but it was at first a part of the Wesley White farm. Mr. Miller has built the new house and barns and has greatly improved the property since it came into his possession. He does general farming and raises stock for his own use.

Stansbury L. Miller was married in 1885 to Miss Clara E. Mehaffey. Her parents, John and Margaret (Suloff) Mehaffey, resided in Juniata county, Pa., at the time of her birth. John Mehaffey met his death during the Civil war at Andersonville prison. To him and his wife there were born two children, named as follows: Ephraim and Clara E. Mrs. John Mehaffey later married Ephraim Mehaffey, a brother of her first husband, who had also served in the Civil war. To them was born one daughter, Anna. Mr. and Mrs. Stansbury L. Miller have one son, Stephen Lester, who lives at home.

Mr. Miller is a Republican in his political principles but votes for the man he judges best rather than his party's choice. He is a member of the Knights of Pythias at Bucyrus. He and his family attend the Baptist church.

HON. EDWARD J. SONGER, mayor of the city of Bucyrus, O., is a member of one of the old families of Crawford county. He was born October 6, 1867, one of two children born to his parents, Jonathan and Ruth (Stewart) Songer. The father of Mayor Songer engaged in farming until he enlisted for service in the Civil war, becoming a member of the 12th O. Vol. Cav., and on the field of battle received wounds which caused his death.

Edward J. Songer had no educational opportunities beyond those offered by the public school, in early manhood learning the trade of a molder, at which he worked almost continuously until he was elected mayor of the city, in November, 1897, on the Democratic ticket, having previously served as president of the city council. Mayor Songer is deservedly popular. He is directing the affairs of the municipality without fear or favor, solving many important problems, carefully looking after public utilities, and is promoting the city's development by giving it a solid business administration.

Mayor Songer married Miss Cora Risher, a daughter of William Risher, who is a well known engineer in charge of a passenger train out of Bucyrus on the T. & O. C. Railroad. Mayor and Mrs. Songer have a very attractive home at No. 720 E. Warren Street. He is identified with the Elks and the Odd Fellows.

CALVIN D. TUPPS, a member of one of the old and substantial families of Whetstone township, Crawford county, O., resides on his finely developed and improved farm of 280 acres, which lies not far from Galion, O. On the old homestead part of this farm Mr. Tupps was born, Oct. 5, 1860, and is a son of Jechonias Tupps.

On a groundwork of good, common school education Calvin D. Tupps successfully pursued his course thus far in life, devoting himself almost entirely to agricultural pursuits. When prepared to become an independent farmer he purchased 80 acres of his present farm from George Kraner and the balance from his father.

General farming occupies his attention, his stock raising being only for his own use. In 1903 he erected one of the fine residences of this township, one that is architecturally attractive while its comfort is assured by the installation of a water plant and a system of hot air heating. All his other buildings are equally substantial and well adapted for use on a large estate.

On Dec. 30, 1883, Mr. Tupps was married to Miss Elizabeth Ellen Myers, a daughter of highly respected retired residents of Galion, Charles and Catherine (Beach) Myers. Mrs. Tupps has the following brothers and sisters: Isaac, Laura, who is the wife of Lewis P. Tracht; Samuel; Washington; George; and Malinda, who is the wife of Edward Donbeck. Mr. and Mrs. Tupps have two children: Luther C. and Mabel, both of whom live at home. The family attends the Lutheran church. Mr. Tupps is a wide awake, intelligent citizen but no seeker for office, and is identified with the Republican party.

BENJAMIN F. COUTS, whose business is the exacting one of railroad engineer, has been a railroad man for the past 17 years and for 11 of these has been an engineer on the Toledo & Ohio Central Railroad. He was born May 14, 1872, in the old family homestead at Bucyrus, O., and is a son of William H. H. and Harriet (Mead) Coutts.

It is possible that the great-grandfather of the Coutts family of Crawford county, O., was born in England and settled early in the state of Pennsylvania. There his son, Henry Coutts, was born and from there, 60 years ago, he came to Crawford county and established himself near the now flourishing city of Bucyrus. Later he acquired land along the Sandusky river, on which he erected saw mills and from these mills came the lumber used in early building through this section. From his land he furnished all the wood used by the railroads through here when they were first constructed and his activities covered other fields. He was elected a county commissioner and proved an able and useful official. It was through his efforts that the earliest postal service was



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established in Crawford county. His death was caused by accident, he then being in his 78th year. In public life he set an example of public spirit, while in private life he set one of self denial and temperance, his objections to stimulating beverages extending even to tea and coffee. During the Civil war he served in an Ohio regiment in the capacity of a veterinary surgeon. He gave his seven sons to his country's service, five others being too young to shoulder a musket, and all—John, William, H. H., Samuel, David, Hiram, Jacob and Jeremiah, lived to return home. Several were slightly wounded in the conflict and for a time Jeremiah was confined at Andersonville prison. Of his thirteen children only one was a daughter, she being given the name of Barbara. She survives and lives in Kentucky, being the widow of Jacob Schupp. Almost all of this large family grew to maturity and the following are yet living: William, John, Jeremiah and Samuel, all at Bucyrus except John, whose home is in Upper Sandusky.

William H. H. Coutts was born March 16, 1839, and was quite young when his parents came to Bucyrus. He had no opportunity to study or to learn the contents of books until after he enlisted for service in the Civil war. Fortunately for him a comrade, who had enjoyed many educational advantages, took an interest in the unlettered young man and proposed teaching him, a proposition gladly accepted and carried out, and when the soldiering days were over he had a good, practical education, which he turned to account. He became a contractor and a skilled workman, as many of the structures at Bucyrus stand to bear testimony. He now lives retired, making his home with his son, Benjamin F. Coutts, but yet takes a large degree of interest in everything that pertains to the growth and development of Bucyrus. He is a valued member of Kelly Post, G. A. R., of this city, having served for four years and six months in the army during the Civil war. He was a member of the 34th and 36th O. Vol. Inf., and participated in many of the serious battles of that great war and

on two occasions was wounded and left on the battlefield as dead, and once suffered from sunstroke. He still carries scars of his honorable service.

During a furlough home, Mr. Coutts was married to Miss Harriet L. Mead, who was born in the state of New York, a daughter of Isaac and Lydia R. (Lenard) Mead, who came to Ohio in her childhood. For many years afterward Isaac Mead and wife lived at Bucyrus, and she died in this city when aged 77 years, his death occurring one year before at Welden Center, Mich. The wife of William H. H. Coutts died at Bucyrus in September, 1907, at the age of 66 years. She was a consistent member of the Baptist church, to which her husband also belongs. Their family consisted of three sons and two daughters, as follows: Addie B., who died Mar. 7, 1912, and who was the wife of George Wolf, of Bucyrus; William Lenard, who was accidentally killed in September, 1892, while attending to his duties as a fireman of the Missouri Pacific Railroad; Frederick F., who is a prominent citizen of South Milwaukee, Wis., one of the board of aldermen, and who is married and has two children, Maria and Ada; Benjamin F.; and Viola, who is the wife of Edward Cosgrove, who is an electrical engineer, living at Kalamazoo, Mich.

Benjamin F. Coutts was married at Strakers, O., to Miss Edith Meade, who was born at Homestead, Mich., Oct. 24, 1877, where she was educated and lived until her marriage. She is a daughter of Jerome and Lucy (Kentner) Meade, the former of whom was born in New York and the latter in Michigan. Mrs. Meade died at Homestead in 1885, when aged 32 years. For a number of years Mr. Meade was connected with the Government Life Saving Station, belonging to the Lake Michigan service, but now is a farmer. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, as was his wife. In politics he is a Socialist.

Mr. and Mrs. Coutts have one daughter, Burdette Meade, who was born May 17, 1910. They attend the Baptist church, Mrs. Coutts being a member. Mr. Coutts is very

prominent in the order of the B. L. F. & E., having served as financial secretary of the organization for four years, and now is the legislative representative of that order. He is an earnest, clear-headed, competent man. In his attitude on public questions he is a Socialist, while his father remains a Republican.

DAVID SHEARER, who owns and cultivates his farm of 110 acres in Whetstone township, Crawford county, was born in this township Dec. 4, 1839. His father, John Shearer, was a native of Lancaster county, Pa., and his mother, who was in maidenhood Catherine Miller, was born in Germany, coming to this country when six years old.

John Shearer, who was a son of Michael and Barbara Shearer, was a farmer all his life and a Democrat in his political views. He and his family attended the German Reformed church. Both he and his wife are now deceased and are buried in Shearer cemetery in this township. Their children were named as follows: David, Benjamin, George, Isaac, Samuel, Mary and Daniel, the four last named being deceased.

David Shearer received his education in the common schools of his native township, and when the time came for him to choose his life's occupation he began work with his father on the latter's farm. He continued working in this way until his 27th year, when he purchased the farm from his father and here he has spent his subsequent life. He has cleared the land and has erected the substantial house and farm buildings found thereon.

Mr. Shearer was united in marriage with Miss Rachel Paulin, Nov. 30, 1865. She was born in Columbiana county, O., a daughter of Peter and Rachel (Cox) Paulin. Her father was a native of Maryland and served in the war of 1812. Mr. and Mrs. Paulin had a large family of children, all of whom are deceased except a son named Solomon and Mrs. Shearer. The others were: Nathan, Daniel, John, Samuel, Peter, Joshua, Mary (Mrs. John Rupert), and Anna (Mrs. Jerry Hoag).

Mr. and Mrs. David Shearer have one son, Samuel C., a resident of Denver, Colo., and traveling passenger agent for the Denver & Rio Grande R. R. He married Ella Laughbaum, who is now deceased. He has a daughter Clarice.

David Shearer is independent in politics.

E. E. HEINLEN,* one of the enterprising and successful agriculturists of Holmes township, resides on his well improved farm of 80 acres, which is situated nine miles north of Bucyrus, O. He was born in Holmes township, Crawford county, in 1880, and is a son of Henry and Elizabeth (Auck) Heinlen.

The parents of Mr. Heinlen were born also in Crawford county and the father engaged in farming during life, his death occurring at the age of 34 years. The mother resides in Whetstone township. They had three children, namely: Cora, who is the widow of Charles Miller; E. E.; and Caroline, who married E. Sury.

E. E. Heinlen obtained his education in the public schools of Crawford county and afterward engaged in farming on the home place, and in 1900 came to his present farm. Here he has made notable improvements, including the building of a comfortable residence. He raises excellent stock and carries on a general farming line.

Mr. Heinlen was married to Miss Hattie Kellogg, a daughter of William Kellogg, of Crawford county, and they have one daughter, Mary. They attend the Evangelical church. Mr. Heinlen is a Democrat but is no political agitator, merely taking a good citizen's intelligent interest in public matters.

WILLIAM L. TUPPS, a leading citizen of Whetstone township, Crawford county, O., township trustee and successful farmer, resides on his well improved place containing 97 acres, near the old Tupps homestead, and he was born there Dec. 9, 1871. His parents were Jechonias and Sarah (Schreck) Tupps.

The parents of Mr. Tupps were both born in Crawford county, the father on the pio-

neer farm which his father, Jacob Tupps, entered from the government when he came here from Pennsylvania, and it has never been out of the family. The father of Mr. Tupps has been a farmer all his active life and has spent his life in this township. His first marriage was to Sarah Schreck, and after her death he married Mrs. Rachel (Shearer) Gibler, the widow of Adam Gibler. To his first marriage the following children were born: Dorothy, who is the wife of Washington Bair; Calvin D., who lives on the old homestead; Catherine, deceased, who was the wife of Joshua Preble; Homer I.; Amanda, who is the wife of Samuel W. Guinther; Samuel E. and William L. The mother of the above children died March 28, 1881, and her burial was in the Whetstone cemetery. The father still survives and is in the enjoyment of good health although he was born Dec. 19, 1832. In his youth he attended the old Campbell school and afterward, as noted above, settled down to farming. His parents were Jacob and Catherine (Whitmer) Tupps and he was the youngest born of three children, the others being: Amanda, who was the wife of Edward Campbell; and Urias. Jechonias Tupps is a Republican in politics and at one time served in the office of road supervisor. He resides with his son, William L.

William L. Tupps obtained his education in the public schools of Whetstone township, and with the exception of three years, during which he was a railroad employe, he has been engaged ever since in agricultural pursuits. He bought this farm in December, 1899, and carried on general farming, raises stock for his own use and deals in Delaine sheep. After coming to the place he remodeled the house and built substantial barns and these, with other improvements, make this one of the most valuable farms in the township.

Mr. Tupps was married on March 23, 1893, to Miss Bertha F. Holtshouse, a daughter of Benjamin and Mary (Noblit) Holtshouse, the former of whom was born in Pennsylvania and is now deceased, and the latter in Crawford county. To Mr. and Mrs. Holtshouse the following children

were born: Blanche Louellen, deceased; John C.; Bertha F.; Amanda F., wife of E. J. Line; Deila, wife of Isaac Beach; Ollie, wife of Oliver Beach; William Franklin, deceased; Jay L.; and Warren W. Mr. and Mrs. Tupps have four children: Chester E., Bessie M., Harold B. and Dorothy Louellen. Mr. Tupps is a Republican in politics and is an intelligent and wide awake citizen. As one of the township trustees he looks carefully after public interests. He is a member of Pope Grange, at Galion, O.

SANFORD W. BURKHART,* who is one of the well known farmers and stock raisers of Whetstone township, Crawford county, O., residing on his valuable tract of 82 acres, was born in Marion county, O., Oct. 7, 1866, and is a son of John S. and Elizabeth (Shaffer) Burkhardt.

The Burkhardt family is a numerous and respected one in Pennsylvania and there John S. Burkhardt was born. An enterprising spirit brought him to Ohio in youth and in Morrow county he was married to Elizabeth Shaffer. They reside on their farm in Marion county, O., where they have lived for many years and have taken part in the useful activities and interests of that section. The following children were born to them: Sanford W.; Louise, who is the wife of Abraham Guinther; Ella, who is the wife of John Lepp; and Ora.

After his school days Sanford W. Burkhardt assisted his father on the homestead and remained with him until he was 32 years of age and then purchased his present place from Isaac Noblit. A new barn and entirely remodeled house changed the appearance of the property in a very short time and a pleasant air of thrift and prosperity is very noticeable. Mr. Burkhardt raises some excellent stock for his own use and grows the grains that do best in this climate.

On March 4, 1898, Mr. Burkhardt was married to Miss Emma Christman, who is a daughter of Henry and Lucinda (Speace) Christman, both of whom are now deceased. The father of Mrs. Burkhardt was a farmer in Marion county and his children were as follows: Sadie, who is the wife of Silas

Hill; Edward, who is deceased; Iva, who is the wife of Rev. David Raiser, pastor of the Reformed church at Tiffin, O.; Bertha, who is the wife of Ora Bensley; and Emma, who is the wife of Mr. Burkhart. To the last named have been born: Verda, Lester, Joan, Mildred, and a babe that died. They are members of the Reformed church. In politics Mr. Burkhart is a Democrat.

ALBERT M. ENSMINGER, formerly special examiner for the State Bureau of Uniform Accounting, for many years was prominent in the public affairs of Bucyrus, O., and was favorably known as a journalist and as a member of the Bucyrus bar. He was born in Perry county, Pa., Sept. 27, 1858, and died at his home on the corner of East Rensselaer and Iron streets, Bucyrus, Sept. 27, 1909. His parents were John William Henry and Susan (Jacobs) Ensminger.

John William Henry Ensminger was born in Perry county, Pa., Feb. 2, 1826, and died at Bucyrus, O., Feb. 24, 1892. He was a son of David and Barbara (Messinger) Ensminger, the former of whom was the second son of Christian Ensminger, who was born in America, June 8, 1762, and died March 6, 1836. A younger son of David and Barbara (Messinger) Ensminger, George Benjamin Franklin, was born in Perry county, Pa., Nov. 26, 1845, and died January 2, 1869, in Crawford county, O. He was married Nov. 4, 1868, to Miriam A. Ebert, a daughter of Dr. Philip Ebert of Crawford county. No children were born to this union. The widow was married Dec. 12, 1876, to Dr. H. S. Bevington, of Crawford county, and to this union two children were born: Elwood and Rebecca.

John William Henry Ensminger was married April 13, 1854, to Susan, daughter of Henry and Christina Jacobs, of Cumberland County, Pa. She was born March 14, 1835. Of this union there were born five children, three sons and two daughters, namely: Franklin Pierce, who was born Dec. 31, 1855, married April 11, 1878 Anna E., daughter of Hiram and Rachel Cross, born July 3, 1856, and they had one son, Edgar Albertus, born March 1, 1880, who died April 21, 1881; Albert Milton, the subject of this sketch;

Charles Edgar, who was born Nov. 23, 1860, married August 12, 1886, Emma, daughter of Benjamin Beal, born June 7, 1866, and they have three children—Gertrude Augusta, born Aug. 22, 1887, Arthur Beal, born Jan. 8, 1890, and Charles Edgar, Jr., born Nov. 14, 1896; Anna May, who was born May 30, 1868, died Dec. 28, 1871; and Alberta Etta, who was born Sept. 22, 1876. In 1866 John William Henry Ensminger moved with his family to Jefferson township, Crawford county, O., and in 1879 the family home was transferred to Bucyrus.

Albert M. Ensminger was educated in the public schools of Bucyrus and afterward entered the law department of the University of Michigan, at Ann Arbor, where he was graduated with the class of 1882. In the same year he was admitted to the bar and entered into the practice of law at Bucyrus. In 1885 he was first elected city solicitor and was subsequently re-elected and when his second official term ended, he became editor of the Daily Forum, at Bucyrus, and ably upheld the policy of that newspaper from 1890 until he was appointed postmaster in 1894, during the second administration of President Cleveland. He served as postmaster at Bucyrus until September 1, 1898, and then resumed his newspaper connection, in which he continued until 1901, when he again turned his attention to other interests. Subsequently, however, he was more or less connected with the Bucyrus newspapers, being a special reporter for the Evening Telegraph and the Bucyrus Journal. In 1905 he was appointed special state examiner, a position for which he was eminently qualified and in which he proved satisfactory to the fullest extent.

Mr. Ensminger was married Dec. 16, 1886, to Miss Carrie Blair, daughter of Elias and Anna (McCrory) Blair, a prominent family of Bucyrus. The parents of Mrs. Ensminger still survive and she was the third born in their family of children. To Mr. and Mrs. Ensminger one son was born, Edward Blair, who is attending school in Bucyrus. Mrs. Ensminger is a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, to which Mr. Ensminger also belonged, and is active in the work of the missionary society.



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Fraternally, Mr. Ensminger was a member of Bucyrus Lodge No. 156 Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and of Demas Lodge, Knights of Pythias. He belonged also to the Crawford County Bar Association. Few men of the city are remembered with more sincere sentiments of regret, for in every relation of life he was upright, honorable and helpful.

WILLIAM R. SHADE, who has been identified with the great Erie Railway for the past 44 years, is probably one of the best known engineers connected with this line and is the oldest one in point of service on the Cincinnati division, also known as the Third division. Mr. Shade was born at Harrisburg, Pa., Nov. 19, 1850, and is a son of David and Ann M. (Sholey) Shade.

David Shade and wife were natives of Pennsylvania and from there came to Ohio in 1854 and located at Mansfield, where the father operated a saw mill for some years, afterward moving to Hartford, Ind., where he died in 1872, when aged 45 years. His widow, who was born Dec. 17, 1826, survived until Jan. 2, 1911, dying at the home of her son, William R., at Galion. She was a member of the English Lutheran church. The family consisted of three sons and two daughters, William R. being the eldest. One son, Norton, lives in California, and one daughter, Ida, who is the wife of Amos Warner, lives at Battle Creek, Mich., and they have three sons and one daughter. The others are deceased.

After his school days passed William R. Shade entered into railroad life, in 1868 becoming a brakeman with the C. & G. W. (now the Erie) road; in the following year he was promoted to be fireman and continued in that position until Oct. 1, 1876, when he was given an engine and entered upon the responsible duties that make an engineer one of the most important factors in the whole operating department of a railroad. No mistake was made in according this privilege to Mr. Shade as his record as an engineer shows that his careful supervision and thorough knowledge of railroading has enabled him to avoid accidents

and thereby save lives and property through a continuous period of service in this position of 36 years. As a token of appreciation, in 1911 his name was placed on his engine as the oldest engineer of his division and at the same time he was given a letter of commendation from Charles A. Allen, the division superintendent, who mentioned his years of faithful service. For 13 years past Mr. Shade has been assigned to the most important passenger service.

Mr. Shade was married at Galion to Miss Susie Gates, who was born in New York in 1858, and died in this city in 1895. Three sons were born to this marriage, two of whom, Ellis and Elmer, died in early childhood. The third son, Arthur R., who was born in 1876, is a commercial traveler. He married Ella Epley and they have two children, George and Paul. Mr. Shade was married (second), also at Galion, to Miss Ella Warren, who was born in Meigs county, O., her father being a veteran of the Civil War. Mr. and Mrs. Shade attend the Christian church, of which Mrs. Shade is a member. In politics Mr. Shade is a Democrat and fraternally belongs to the Knights of Pythias and for more than 30 years has been identified with the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers.

JACOB K. KLEINKNECHT, whose one farm of 82 acres lies in Whetstone township, Crawford county, O., owns an equally valuable one of 93 acres, situated in Jefferson township. He was born May 10, 1844, in what was then Richland but now is Crawford county, O., and is a son of Peter and Elizabeth (Kitch) Kleinknecht.

The parents of Mr. Kleinknecht were born in Pennsylvania, the father in Berks county, a son of John Kleinknecht, and the mother in Cumberland county, a daughter of George Kitch. They came to Ohio in youth and were married here. The father followed farming. He was a member of the United Brethren church and at the time of death was living in Wells county, Ind., where he was buried. The mother was a member of the Church of Christ and her death occurred in Crawford county. They

had the following children: Jacob K.; John; William, who is deceased; and Mary Jeanetta, who is the wife of William Hillbolt, of Bellefontaine, O.

Jacob K. Kleinknecht had district school advantages in his boyhood and afterward worked by the month on different farms for two years, up to 1861, when he enlisted for service in the Civil War. The company he joined was one that was organized at Bucyrus by James A. Marsh and became a part of the 56th Ill. Vol. Inf., in which he served about four months. He reenlisted in the First Battery, Ill. Light Artillery, in which he served for eighteen months under Captain Boutin, who later organized the 59th U. S. O. Vol. Inf., and Mr. Kleinknecht remained in that regiment until the close of the war and was finally mustered out January 31, 1866.

Returning then to Crawford county he went to work on the farm of Rev. William Nevill, remaining six months, and then spent the winter in Minnesota and after he again returned to Crawford county was married and passed the following year on his wife's folks' homestead. She inherited 26 acres and they moved on it, and in 1885 Mr. Kleinknecht bought his home farm from Allen Scott. The second farm came later to his wife as a part of the old Stinebaugh homestead.

On March 27, 1867, Mr. Kleinknecht was married to Miss Permelia C. Stinebaugh, who was born in Crawford county, a daughter of Adam and Catherine (Ashcroft) Stinebaugh. The father, a farmer and saw mill man, was born in Virginia, while the mother was born in Pennsylvania, a daughter of Adam Ashcroft. They had the following children: Mary Ann, deceased, who was the wife of Henry Bradford; Elizabeth and John, both of whom are deceased; Margaret, who is the wife of Henry Sheidler; George D., who died from the effects of a wound received in the Civil War; Harriet B., deceased, who was the wife of a Mr. Pinkerton; Newton, and Permelia C., who is the wife of Mr. Kleinknecht. To the last named the following family has been born: Robert C., who mar-

ried Mary Crawford; Sylvia A., who is the wife of John D. Snyder; and George G., Henry H., Willis W., Charles F., John C., Joseph O., Alfred E., and Elzie E. The family attend the United Brethren church. Politically a Republican, Mr. Kleinknecht has been elected frequently to township offices and has served on the school board and as road supervisor.

SAMUEL W. GUINTHER, whose fine farm of 170 acres lies in Whetstone township, Crawford county, O., was born in Marion county, O., April 15, 1861, and is a son of John G. and Christiana (Delker) Guinther. The parents were both born in Pennsylvania and both are now deceased, resting side by side in the old Shearer cemetery. They were well known and highly respected people. They had the following children: Catherine, wife of John Witeamire; Rosena and Salome, both died in infancy; George, deceased; Abraham; Mary, deceased; and Samuel W.

Samuel W. Guinther attended the public school in boyhood and assisted his father until old enough to work as a farm hand on neighboring farms and was thus engaged for two years prior to 1884, when he bought 40 acres of his present farm. To the first purchase he added and now is the justly contended owner of 170 acres of valuable land. He has done considerable improving which includes the building of a fine new barn, and carries on a general farming line, raising just enough stock for his own use. He is a good manager and a practical and sensible farmer.

On Dec. 25, 1884, Mr. Guinther was married to Miss Amanda Ellen Tupps, a daughter of Jechonias and Sarah (Schreck) Tupps, prominent people in Whetstone township, where Mr. Tupps owns a fine farm. To Mr. and Mrs. Guinther the following children have been born: Oscar L.; John C., who married Ethel Sharrock; Ethel May; and one who died in infancy. The family attend the English Lutheran church. Mr. Guinther is nominally a Democrat but he is quite capable of thinking for himself and frequently casts his vote for

the man rather than the party. He has served as a school director and on one occasion filled out the unexpired term of township trustee.

JOHN F. ECKSTEIN, who carries on general farming in section 13, Cranberry township, Crawford county, O., where he owns 80 acres of valuable land, situated two miles east of New Washington, O., was born in this township, Aug. 25, 1876, and is a son of Adam and Catherine (Fike) Eckstein.

Adam Eckstein was born in Germany, Feb. 15, 1845, and at the age of three years was brought to America by his parents, George and Catherine Eckstein. They lived for two years in Crawford county and then moved to Richland county and resided there for six years, but returned to Crawford county, where George Eckstein died in his 69th year and his wife when aged 73 years. Adam Eckstein attended the district schools in boyhood and afterward worked as a hired man until 24 years of age, an industrious and willing helper at all times and one who made friends and kept them, and about this time was married to Miss Catherine Fike. She was born in Germany and lived there until she was 24 years old, a daughter of George Fike. After marriage Mr. Eckstein and wife settled on the farm of 120 acres, lying in section 12, Cranberry township, where he now lives retired. When Mr. Eckstein came into possession he found a great deal of improving and fertilizing necessary and his years of experience on different farms had given him so excellent a training that he soon was able to put his own place into fine condition, and during his active years was known as one of the best farmers in this section. In politics he has always been a Democrat, but has never accepted any office except that of school director. He is a member and an elder in the German Lutheran church, and when the present church edifice was erected, was a member of the building committee. To Adam Eckstein and wife six children were born, namely: Mary, who died when aged two years; Catherine, who is the wife of

William Kessler, residing in Auburn township; John, who lives in Cranberry township; Adam G., who follows the carpenter trade and lives at New Washington; William, who assists his father; and Julia, who is the wife of Israel Steiger, of Cranberry township.

John F. Eckstein attended what was called the Brick or McDougal's school, in Cranberry township, in his boyhood, and was reared to farm life. When he started out for himself he received a gift from his father, the latter giving all his children cash or its equivalent amounting to one thousand dollars. Ever since marriage he has lived on his present farm and has done considerable improving and carries on his agricultural operations more or less according to modern methods, assisted by the latest improved machinery.

Mr. Eckstein married Miss Margaret Amelia Shaffer, who was born in Chatfield township, Crawford county, O., a daughter of Adam B. Shaffer, and they have four children: Mary M., Elsie Amelia, Frederick Adam and Esther Margaret. Mr. Eckstein and family are members of the Lutheran church. Like his father he is a Democrat and has served Cranberry township one term as supervisor and two terms as school director.

ISAAC H. TUPPS, general farmer and highly respected citizen of Whetstone township, Crawford county, O., and a member of one of the old and substantial families of this section, was born on the old Tupps homestead in Whetstone township, Nov. 24, 1864, a son of Jechonias Tupps.

After completing his period of school attendance, Isaac H. Tupps assisted his father until he was 21 years of age and then purchased his present excellent farm of 80 acres, which was known as the Henry Lowmiller farm. Here he successfully carries on general farming and raises blooded horses, his stable including the five-year old Belgian stallion Kronas, which Mr. Tupps purchased in 1912, and the imported Belgian mare, Sabine.

One Dec. 2, 1884, Mr. Tupps was married

to Miss Mary E. Snyder, a daughter of Isaac and Rebecca (Albright) Snyder. The parents of Mrs. Tupps are deceased. They had the following children: Laura Ann, deceased, who was the wife of David Beach; Lucinda, who was married (first) to Eli Beach, and (second) to Adam Beach; Lewis; John and Mary E., and two who died young.

Mr. and Mrs. Tupps have one son, Ivor Gillespie, who was born Nov. 8, 1894. They attend the Lutheran church. Mr. Tupps is a Republican in politics, and he served two terms in the office of township supervisor.

MISS LOUISE MILLER, who commands universal respect at Galion, O., where she is held in the highest possible esteem, is widely known all over Crawford county and in farther sections whither her pupils have wandered as their life work has led them, for Miss Miller has devoted herself to educational work since she was 16 years of age. She was born at Galion and for many happy years her home has been at No. 240 South Pierce Street. Her parents were Casper and Margaret (Schneider) Miller.

Casper Miller was born in Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany, and early in the forties came to the United States, on a sailing vessel, and subsequently worked at the plastering trade at Galion for a number of years and in this city his death occurred in 1861. He married Margaret Schneider, who was also a native of Germany, and they had one daughter, Louise. After the death of Mr. Miller his widow contracted a second marriage, with John Baldinger. He was born in the canton of Argau, Switzerland, and came to the United States when a young man. He died in early middle life, leaving one daughter, Mary. Mrs. Baldinger survived until 1908 when in her 86th year, passing away at Galion. Both she and Mr. Miller were members of the German Lutheran church, while Mr. Baldinger was of the Reformed body.

Louise Miller still resides in the house in which she was born. She attended the Galion schools, deciding to become a

teacher even in girlhood, and as early as 1879 taught in the public schools, in the first grade, giving instruction in German. The life of a conscientious teacher is one that may not always be envied, and that Miss Miller for so many continuous year, longer than any other teacher in years of service, has kept up her courage, enthusiasm and efficiency proves the possession of rare natural talents for this profession. In these days it is not only necessary for an acceptable instructor to be well grounded in the elements, broadened by reading and widened in outlook by travel, but there are so many technical studies required and so many accomplishments demanded, that to succeed in all these branches and for so long a time, denotes high proficiency and unselfish devotion to the interests of others. All these qualities Miss Miller combines, and hence her place would be hard to fill, either in the educational field or in the confidence and affection of those who have benefited through her patience and scholarship. Miss Miller as well as Miss Baldinger are members of the German Evangelical Lutheran church, in which they were confirmed when young, and they take a deep interest in the work of the Sunday-school.

LEVI BEACH, a retired farmer residing at New Winchester, O., where he and wife own valuable property, still retains his farm of 92 acres, which is situated in Whetstone township, Crawford county. He was born in that township, Aug. 2, 1850, and is a son of Peter and Magdalena (Meyers) Beach.

Levi Beach was 15 years of age when his father died. He attended the district schools and then remained on the home farm working for his mother until he was 21 years old, when he left to make his own way in the world as there were younger sons who could carry on the farm. He was the third born in the following family: Rebecca, wife of John Price; Mary Jane, wife of Lewis Kranner; Samuel; Laura, wife of Andrew Meyers; Elizabeth, wife of Frank Nungesser; and Charles. At different times Mr. Beach owned farms in other sections, a valuable one in Ohio and another in Indiana, both

of which he sold to advantage. Farming has been his main business in life and he carried it on very successfully for many years.

In 1872 Mr. Beach was married to Miss Matilda Albright, who is a daughter of Henry Albright and a sister of Isaac Albright, the latter of whom resides at New Winchester. To Mr. and Mrs. Beach have been born four children: John H., who married Amanda Wise, and has two children—Florence and Carl; William Lewis; Oliver Francis, who married Ollie Holtzhouse, and has one son, Francis Layton; and Charles, who is a merchant at New Winchester, and who married Daisy Katsimeyer. Mr. Beach and sons are Democrats in their political views.

WILLIAM G. GWINNER,* general farmer and a well known citizen of Liberty township, Crawford county, O., resides on the old family homestead, six miles north-east of Bucyrus. He was the second born in his parents' family of eight children. His father, John Gwinner, was born in Germany and was a young man when he came to Ohio, where he married Matilda Scott, a native of this State. All their children survive with the exception of the youngest, who died in infancy. Emma B., the eldest, married C. Bear, and their two children died in infancy. James A. married Zela Smith and they live at Bucyrus and have three children; Ernestine, Eldin and Catherine. Isaac J. married Elizabeth Stribe and they live at Sulphur Springs and have four children: Velma, Benjamin, Lucile and Florence. Rachel married George T. Timpson and they live at Bucyrus and have three children: Nellie, Dorance and Alice. Cora married Israel Fritz and they live in Whetstone township and have had five children: Agnes, Stella, Della, Hazel and Velma C., Della being deceased.

William G. Gwinner attended the district schools in boyhood and has followed farming and stock raising ever since. He has a large acreage under cultivation as he operates both his father's land and an adjacent property. He has always been industrious

and practical and is considered one of the most capable agriculturists of Liberty township.

Mr. Gwinner married Miss Hulda E. Wilson, a daughter of Richard Wilson, of Crawford county, and they have six children, namely: Charles H., a farmer in Liberty township, who married Lulu M. Crum, and have two children—Charles E. and Josephine M.; Carrie E., who married Ross W. Spade, and lives in Liberty township; William T., Russell M., Ruby D. and Rose M., who still reside at home. Mr. Gwinner and family attend the United Brethren church. Mrs. Gwinner was born in Crawford county and had the following brothers and sisters: Edward, who is in business at Bucyrus, and who married Letta Schroll and has four children—Sherman, Arnie, Nellie and Stephen; Evaline, who is the wife of William Mahaffey and lives in Marion county, O., and has four children—Lester, George, Pearce and Mary; Augustus, a resident of Bucyrus, who married Daisy Winters and has two children—Evaline and Archie; Nancy, who is the wife of Joseph Albright, of Attica, Ind., and has one son, Wilson; John, who is deceased; and Mrs. Gwinner. Both the Gwinner and Wilson families are well established and highly respected ones in Crawford county.

JOHN J. FAUSER, one of the enterprising and successful farmers of Whetstone township, Crawford county, O., who resides on his valuable farm of 110 acres, was born in this township, May 21, 1873, and is a son of Samuel and Catherine (Hager) Fauser.

The Fauser family is an old and respected one of Crawford county, of German extraction. Both parents of John J. Fauser were born in this county and now live in comfortable retirement at Bucyrus, where they are among the liberal supporters of St. John's Reformed church. Their family consisted of the following children: Anna, who is the wife of Eli Dinkle; Emanuel; Harry; Emma, who is the wife of Frederick Houser; John J.; and George, the last named being a nephew but was reared as a son

and the family has never known any difference.

John J. Fauser obtained his education in the public schools and afterward assisted his father until he was 28 years of age and then rented his present farm from his father and in 1911 purchased it. He has devoted himself to general farming ever since and raises enough stock for his own use.

On Dec. 25, 1900, Mr. Fauser was married to Miss Elsie May Guinther, a daughter of George and Malinda (Rorick) Guinther, who are well known people of Marion county, O., and live on their farm there. Mrs. Fauser has one sister and four brothers, namely: Lottie, who is the wife of Leo Heinlen; and Ezra, William, Cornelius and Emil. Mr. and Mrs. Fauser are members of St. John's Reformed church of Whetstone township, and for six and one-half years he has served as Sunday-school superintendent and as a member of the church choir. For the past five years he has been general secretary of the Crawford county Sunday-school Association. Nominally he is a Democrat, but is frequently inclined to use his own judgment concerning issues and candidates. He has never accepted any office except that of school director, in which he served two terms.

HUGH LISSE,* proprietor of the Galion Creamery, at Galion, O., is one of the enterprising business men of this city and a much respected citizen. He was born in Germany, March 9, 1869, and his parents were Adam and Anna (Zumack) Lisse. They spent their entire lives in Germany, where the mother died in 1900, at the age of 59 years and the father in 1910, when in his 70th year. He was a machinist by trade. They were members of the Roman Catholic church.

Hugh Lisse obtained the public school education that every German boy receives and then learned the tinner's trade. He came to the United States in 1891 and took charge of a distillery and brewing plant, for his brother-in-law, Charles Coppe, situated at Cardington, Morrow county, O., where he remained until 1908, in the meanwhile

having become its owner, about 1893. After disposing of the brewery he came to Galion and conducted a cafe at No. 105 East Main street, until October, 1910, when he became owner and proprietor of the Galion Creamery. This plant had been established here in 1905 by J. E. Brinnon and since it has come under the business management of Mr. Lisse, has developed into a prosperous enterprise. He ships for eastern markets and handles local goods and the high grade of butter produced finds ready sale.

Mr. Lisse was married in Marion county, O., to Miss Elizabeth Ranroth, who was born in Westphalia, Germany, in 1870, and came to America with her parents and to Marion county, O., in 1880. Her father, Mangus Ranroth, now lives retired, in Marion county, his age being 87 years. The mother died in 1904, in her 69th year. They belonged to the Roman Catholic church. Six children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Lisse, namely: Frank, who is a student in the Galion High School; Gertrude, who attends the parochial school; and George, Anna, Robert and Paul. The family belongs to the Roman Catholic church. In politics Mr. Lisse is a Democrat.

DAVID ZIEGENFUS, general farmer and a well known citizen of Whetstone township, Crawford county, O., residing on his finely cultivated farm of 96 acres, was born in Whetstone township, Nov. 1, 1843, and is a son of Philip and Elizabeth (Kemerer) Ziegenfus.

Philip Ziegenfus and wife were both born in Germany and both came when young to America, their marriage taking place in the United States. For many years he was a respected man and hard-working farmer in Whetstone township, Crawford county, where both he and his wife died, their burial being in the Whetstone cemetery. They were good Christian people and members of the Reformed church. They had three children, two of whom died in infancy.

David Ziegenfus was the only one of his parents' children to reach mature years. In boyhood he attended the district schools and later assisted his father on the farm and

inherited the same when his parents passed away. He thoroughly understands the science of farming and pursues those methods which he has proved to be most profitable, and raises, in good part, what is necessary for family use, including cattle and stock.

In 1876 Mr. Ziegenfus was married to Miss Eva Ribble, who was born in Vernon township, Crawford county, a daughter of John and Rachel Ribble, well known people in Crawford county. To Mr. and Mrs. Ribble the following children were born: Catherine, who is the wife of Peter Howe; Eva, who is the wife of David Ziegenfus; Lena, who is the wife of John Huffman; Christina, who is the wife of Jacob Mee-nick; Mary, who is the wife of John Glower; Elizabeth, who is the wife of Daniel Haag; and Peter. Mr. and Mrs. Ziegenfus have had four children, namely: Magdalena; Elizabeth, who is the wife of M. E. Otterman; Mary, who is deceased; and Jennie. Mr. Ziegenfus and family are members of the Reformed church. He is a Democrat politically and served one term as school director and one term as township supervisor.

JACOB WHITEAMIRE, who is a prosperous farmer and respected citizen of Whetstone township, Crawford county, O., owns 154½ acres of very fine land and devotes it to general agriculture. He was born March 7, 1850, at Galion, O., a son of Michael and Margaret (Bacht) Whiteamire.

Michael Whiteamire and wife were born in Germany. He was a small farmer there and after marriage resided on his own land until after the birth of four children and then embarked with his family for the United States. They came immediately to Galion, O., where their youngest son was born and the father died six months afterward. His widow was thus left in a strange country with a helpless infant and four other young children, these being: John, George, Peter and Catherine, the last named in later years becoming the wife of Jacob Stump.

Jacob Whiteamire was as carefully reared as was possible by his good mother and

went to school until he was about 15 years of age, when he started to work on farms by the month. For five years he worked in this way in different parts of the county and then for four years rented land, at the end of which time he was able to buy 76 acres of his present farm, to which he later added 40 acres and subsequently 38½ acres more, all of which has been secured through persistent industry. It is excellent land and responds to the careful cultivation it receives.

On Oct. 5, 1873, Mr. Whiteamire was married to Miss Christina Cook, who is a daughter of John and Sarah (Diebler) Cook, and they have the following children: Ida Ellen, born Dec. 20, 1874, who is the wife of William Hurrell and has three children—James E., Alma A. and Ethel G.; Emma Amanda, born Jan. 15, 1876, who is the wife of Jay Hurrell and has one son, Eugene Edward; John Wesley, who was born March 14, 1877, and who married Amanda Beach and has two children—Floyd H. and Gertrude A.; Wilson Edward, who was born July 28, 1884, and married Ida Beach; Jessie Lawrence, who was born Nov. 5, 1886; Harvey Sylvester, who was born Aug. 2, 1888; and Sarah Alma, who was born Sept. 4, 1890. Mr. Whiteamire and family attend the German Reformed church. A Democrat in politics, Mr. Whiteamire has frequently been urged to accept public office and has served with general satisfaction as school director and as road supervisor.

SAMUEL A. TUPPS, who belongs to one of the best known families of Whetstone township, Crawford county, O., resides on his well improved farm of 140 acres. He was born Aug. 22, 1869, on the old family homestead which is now owned by his brother, Calvin D. Tupps, and is a son of Jechonias Tupps, who reared a large and highly creditable family.

Samuel A. Tupps had public school advantages and afterward followed farming for others until prepared to purchase land for himself. When he started out wages were low and sometimes he received only a fraction of what is paid at the present time.

When 21 years old he rented 170 acres from his father and later 110 acres and subsequently bought the 110 acres. A disastrous fire destroyed his dwelling and he then sold 80 acres of his first farm and purchased his present one on which he has carried on general farming and stock raising and additionally is interested in buying and selling lumber in Crawford and Marion counties.

On Aug. 16, 1890, Mr. Tupps was married to Miss Ella M. Whiteamire, who was born in Crawford county and is a daughter of John and Catherine (Guinther) Whiteamire. The father of Mrs. Tupps is deceased but the mother survives. They had the following children: Sarah, who is the wife of Isaac Meyers; Simeon, who is deceased; Ella, who is the wife of Samuel A. Tupps; and Edward and William. Mr. and Mrs. Tupps have four children: Zeno, Florence, Lester and Velma. Mr. Tupps and family attend Trinity Lutheran church. Ordinarily Mr. Tupps votes with the Republican party but sometimes occasions arise in which he uses his own judgment irrespective of party.

ISAAC ALBRIGHT, who now lives retired in his comfortable home at New Winchester, O., is one of the representative and substantial citizens of Crawford county and is the owner of three fine farms situated in Whetstone township which aggregate 400 acres of valuable land. He was born in Whetstone township, Aug. 30, 1856, and is a son of Henry and Soveña Albright, pioneers in this section and people of high standing. Henry Albright was married twice and the children born to his first union were: Isaac; Natilda, wife of Levi Beach; Agnes, deceased, who was the wife of George Kober; and an infant son that died. To his second marriage three children were born: Charles H., George F. and Ida May, all of whom are deceased.

Isaac Albright attended the district schools in boyhood and then assisted his father on the homestead until the latter's death, when he purchased the property and for many years carried on general farming and stock raising.

In 1877 Mr. Albright was married to Miss

Rebecca Diebler, who died Sept. 9, 1906, and was buried in the Whetstone cemetery where rest the ashes of many of the former residents of this section. To that marriage the following children were born: Lyda, who married Charles Nelson and has two children—Laura and Mildred; Alta, who married Francis N. Neuman, and has two children—Viola and Harold; Ezra C., who married Clyde Lowery, and has one son, Myron; Warren W., deceased, who was killed by a stroke of lightning; Roy, who married Alta Love and has one son, Doran W.; Maggie, who married Harry Fauser, and has two daughters—Helen and Ethel; and Eva and Gertrude at home. Mr. Albright's second marriage was with Mrs. Maggie (Gracey) Loyer, widow of Henry Loyer and daughter of James and Sarah (Evans) Gracey. The parents of Mrs. Albright were born in Ireland, and Mr. Albright is the eldest of their children, the others being: Mary, wife of George Kightlinger; David, deceased; and Rebecca, the wife of Isaac Wolfe. Mrs. Albright is a member of the United Brethren church, while Mr. Albright was reared in the Reformed church. In politics he is a Republican and fraternally he is identified with the F. O. E., belonging to the lodge of this order at Bucyrus.

CURTIS E. HILDEBRAND,* postmaster and general merchant at Brandywine, O., is a leading citizen of this pleasant village and is a member of one of the old and prominent families of Liberty township, Crawford county, O. He was born on his father's farm in Liberty township, in 1888, and is a son of John and Ida May (Shell) Hildebrand.

On both sides Mr. Hildebrand comes of German ancestry, but the families have been of America during several generations, the Hildebrands belonging to Ohio and the Shells to Pennsylvania. Both parents were born in Liberty township and still reside there. Their family consisted of two children: Curtis E. and Flossie, the latter of whom resides at home.

Curtis E. Hildebrand attended the public schools of his native township and remained as his father's assistant on the home



ISAAC ALBRIGHT

farm until he embarked in the mercantile business at Brandywine. He carries a large and well selected stock and supplies the needs of a large surrounding territory. On April 25, 1910, he was appointed postmaster and attends to his public duties in addition to managing his business. He owns considerable property here, including his store building and comfortable residence, and takes much interest in the development of the place.

Mr. Hildebrand married Miss Lucy Limenstoll, daughter of Henry and Sophia Limenstoll, who have other children, namely: Christian John, Daniel Reuben, Sophia, Lydia, Sarah, Anna Martha and Jacob. Mr. and Mrs. Hildebrand have an attractive little daughter, Helen Beatrice. They are members of the Lutheran church. Politically Mr. Hildebrand is a Democrat and fraternally he belongs to the Order of Owls.

GEORGE M. KUHN, one of Whetstone township's most respected citizens, resides on his valuable farm of 90 acres and has spent his entire life, with the exception of four and one-half years, in Whetstone township, Crawford county, O. He was born at Bucyrus, O., Oct. 31, 1844, and is a son of Christian and Sophia (Stoll) Kuhn.

The parents of George M. Kuhn were natives of Wurtemberg, Germany, and after marriage they came to the United States. By trade the father was a tailor and for two years worked as such in New York and then came to Bucyrus and continued for a time in the tailoring and clothing business and then engaged in farming. He was a member of the Lutheran church. His family consisted of the following children: Hannah, wife of John Birk; Lewis; Fred; George M.; John; and Matilda, wife of Abraham Shearer.

George M. Kuhn attended the district schools when he was young and afterward assisted his father on the farm until he was 24 years of age, at which time he married and later purchased the homestead of 80 acres, to which he added ten more. He carries on general farming and raises stock and

poultry for home use. He is a Democrat in politics and has served as school director and road supervisor and has been twice chosen to administer on estates.

On Sept. 19, 1868, Mr. Kuhn was married to Miss Mary Keifer, who was born in Germany and died June 26, 1912, aged one day less than 61 years. She was a daughter of Adam and Elizabeth (Shock) Keifer, the former of whom was a blacksmith and farmer. To Mr. and Mrs. Keifer the following children were born: Elizabeth, who married Lewis Kuhn; Margaret, who married Fred Muntz; Catherine, who is the wife of Jacob Carg; Louisa, who married Henry Lowmiller; Jacob; Lydia, who is the wife of Oswald Fritch; John, and Mary, who was the wife of George M. Kuhn.

Mr. and Mrs. Kuhn had eight children: Christian, who married Laura Neff and has two children—Isabella and George; Frederick, who married Ida Brown and has five children—Marie, Vera, Paul, Virgil and Ellwood; Elizabeth, who has been a teacher, and a very successful one, since she was 17 years old; Anna, who is stenographer and bookkeeper for a Cleveland hardware firm; Charles Edward, who is mail clerk on the P. & W. Railroad; Elma, who is a clerk in a store at Mansfield, O.; and Edna and Mabel, who are at home. The family attends the Lutheran church.

SAMUEL A. ZIMMERMAN, who carries on general farming on his valuable tract of 110 acres, which is situated in Whetstone township, Crawford county, O., was born in Polk township, Crawford county, April 28, 1871, and is a son of Peter and Philissa (Eichhorn) Zimmerman.

Peter Zimmerman was born in Whetstone township, where his father, Daniel Zimmerman, was an early settler. He followed farming all his active life and still owns a farm of 95 acres in Polk township, but lives retired with his second wife, at Galion. They are members of the First Reformed church in that city. He married sisters, first, Philissa Eichhorn, who died in 1875 and rests in the Fairview Cemetery at Galion, and married second, Catherine Eich-

horn, both of them being daughters of Adam Eichhorn, an early settler in Crawford county. To his first union two sons were born: Frederick and Samuel A.; and to the second, a son and daughter—Walter, and Lottie who is deceased.

Samuel A. Zimmerman obtained a common school education and before purchasing land for himself, assisted his father for two years, after which he bought his present farm in Whetstone township, from Maggie J. Shearer. He does general farming and keeps good stock, carefully keeps his buildings repaired and his farm machinery sheltered and has the reputation of being one of the very successful agriculturists of this section.

On Oct. 19, 1891, Mr. Zimmerman was united in marriage with Miss Ellen Lowmiller, who died Oct. 10, 1904, her burial being in the Fairview cemetery at Galion. She was a daughter of William and Sarah (Kester) Lowmiller, who were early settlers in Whetstone township. Mrs. Zimmerman was an admirable woman and was a devoted member of the First Reformed church at Galion. To Mr. and Mrs. Zimmerman four children were born: Ada, Orlando, Melvin and Maud May, the eldest being deceased. Mr. Zimmerman is a member and liberal supporter of the First Reformed church at Galion. He is a Democrat in politics like his father, and has served three years on the township school board.

CARL HENRY HENKEL,* attorney at law and city solicitor of Galion, O., was born in this city, Oct. 25, 1880, and is a son of Henry C. and Wilhelmina (Sames) Henkel.

Henry C. Henkel and wife were both born in Hesse Darmstadt, Germany, and were brought to America by their parents when young. They were reared at Galion and married here and the family has long been a highly respected one in this section. Henry C. Henkel followed the mason trade during his active years and now, at the age of 70, lives retired. He is a member of the German Lutheran church. His wife died in September, 1908, at the age of 50 years.

Their two children survive, Carl Henry and Clara E., the latter being the wife of Henry E. Lemon, of Galion.

After completing the public school course, Carl Henry Henkel entered the law department of the University of Michigan, at Ann Arbor, where he was graduated in 1901, before he had attained his majority and afterwards was admitted to the bar and has been actively engaged in the practice of his profession ever since. He has been a very active Democrat and on many occasions his party has recognized his efficiency and, in addition to serving as a delegate to state conventions, in 1908 he was sent as a delegate to the National Democratic Convention.

Mr. Henkel was married to Miss Olive Barr, who was born at Galion, Feb. 14, 1880, a daughter of Oliver and Elizabeth (Chandler) Barr, natives of Ashland county, O. Mr. and Mrs. Henkel have two children: Jannette E. and Oliver C., aged respectively eight and five years. They are members of the Methodist church. Mr. Henkel is identified fraternally with the Masons, Knights of Pythias, Elks and Independent Order of Foresters and has served as a high state official in the last named organization. Both professionally and personally, Mr. Henkel stands high in his native city and his influence may be confidently counted on in furthering public spirited movements that are for the purpose of advancing the general welfare.

JOHN A. NOBLIT, an experienced and successful general farmer of Whetstone township, Crawford county, O., where he owns 120 acres of well-cared-for land, was born in this township, Sept. 12, 1863, and is a son of Robert and Susanna (Albright) Noblit.

Robert Noblit and wife were born in Pennsylvania, his birthplace being in Dauphin county. They came to Ohio and settled in Whetstone township, Crawford county, and through frugality and industry accumulated a large property, the father owning at one time as much as 300 acres of fine land. He was a Democrat but was

never a politician. Both he and wife were members of the German Reformed church and are worthy people in every relation of life. The following children survive them: John A., Samuel; Mary Jane, wife of Benjamin F. Holshouse; Sylvia, wife of Charles Crisinger; and Isaac.

John A. Noblit attended the public school that was nearest the old homstead, on which he has practically spent his life, 40 acres of his present farm being a part of it. This land he inherited and added the remainder by purchase. His farm shows the effects of intelligent cultivation and the stock in his fields demonstrate that he is careful also in that industry although he aims to raise only enough for his own use.

Mr. Noblit was married to Miss Hannah Morgan, who was born in Hancock county, O., a daughter of Richard and Margaret (Shira) Morgan. The father of Mrs. Noblit was a blacksmith by trade. Her brothers and sisters were: Angeline M., who is the wife of Daniel Warner; Mary Jane, deceased, who was the wife of George Baxter; Richard S.; Susanna, who is the wife of David Perkins; Mahala, who was the first wife of Vet Erskin, and Julia, who became his second wife, both wives being now deceased; Robert F.; and William M.

To Mr. and Mrs. Noblit six children were born, namely: William, who married Anna Wise, and has two children—Carma and Flossie; Benjamin, who married Bertha Shaftsall, and has one son, Denzel Dean; Amanda Jane, who is the wife of John H. Wise and has one daughter, Bernice Irene; Alta R., who is the wife of Charles H. Crisinger, and has three children—Thelma, Leta and Theodore Jennings; and two who died young. Mr. and Mrs. Noblit are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. He is a Democrat politically but is no seeker for public office.

ISAAC COOK, one of the representative men of Whetstone township, Crawford county, O., who carries on general farming and stock raising on his 205 acres of fine land, was born in this township, March 25, 1854, and is a son of John and Sarah (Die-

bler) Cook, old and responsible families of this section.

Isaac Cook attended the district school in boyhood with his brothers and sisters and then gave his father assistance on the home farm and remained until he was 30 years of age, when he purchased 85 acres of his present farm and settled here, subsequently, as suited his convenience, adding until it reached its present large dimensions. Mr. Cook is an experienced farmer and applies practical and tried and proven methods in his work. He cultivates the grains that are most profitably grown in this section and raises enough cattle and stock for home use. He has a fine appearing property, new barns and a handsome modern residence adding to its attractiveness and value.

On Sept. 30, 1884, Mr. Cook was united in marriage with Miss Lilah C. Nungesser, who is a daughter of Christian and Elizabeth (Helfrick) Nungesser, and they have one son, Irvin Lee, who assists his father and also teaches school; and a daughter, Ada Malinda, who is a student at the Galion high school. Mr. Cook and family attend the Lutheran church. He is a Democrat in his political opinions and keeps well posted concerning public affairs. On numerous occasions he has been chosen for township offices and has served acceptably as school director, trustee and road supervisor.

DANIEL R. GORMAN,* a well known business man of Galion, O., who is engaged in the real estate line, came to this city after three years of honorable service in the Civil war and has been identified with many of its interests. He was born near Chambersburg, in Franklin county, Pa., Sept. 18, 1840, and is a son of Daniel and Sophia (Kissell) Gorman.

Daniel Gorman and wife were both born in Pennsylvania, he in 1801 and she three years later. Her death occurred in 1877, while he survived until 1881. In 1853 the family moved to Indiana and the parents spent the remainder of their days on a farm near Newcastle. They were highly respected people and were members of the Lutheran church. Of their family of six

children, Daniel R. was the youngest born. Two are deceased: Maria, who was twice married, died in Indiana at the age of 74 years, leaving children. Fianna is survived by husband and three children, her death occurring at the age of 71 years. George W. still resides in Indiana, a widower, and both of his two daughters are married and reside at Newcastle. John J. lives in Mills county, Ia., a widower, with three children. Susan is the widow of Joseph Ragle, has one son and six daughters, all of whom have married and reside near Newcastle, Ind.

Daniel R. Gorman was twelve years old when his parents moved to Indiana, where he had some school opportunities while helping on the home farm, but had not reached his 21st birthday when he enlisted for service in the Civil war, on Aug. 5, 1861, entering Co. C, 36th Ind. Vol. Inf., a private soldier under Captain Woodward and Col. William Gross. Although he remained in the service until his honorable discharge on Sept. 21, 1864, and was in the front of battle at Shiloh, Stone River, Laverne, Wild Cat and many other places, he escaped all serious injury, although danger came very near to him on many occasions. In one battle a musket ball passed through his hat so close to his head that it cut the hair and passing on with its swift message of death, killed a comrade immediately behind him.

After his return to Indiana, Mr. Gorman worked at the plastering trade and followed the same more or less until 1905, after coming to Galion becoming a plastering contractor, and in this relation for years was connected prominently with the building trades here. Mr. Gorman has been a resident of Galion since 1865 and with the exception of six years, during which he was a conductor on the Big Four Railway, he has been interested in the business above mentioned, continuing up to seven years ago, since when he has been in the real estate business.

On June 1, 1867, Mr. Gorman was married to Miss Maggie Barrett, who was born in Chester county, Pa., in 1848, and was twelve years of age when she was accompanied by her parents, Lemuel and Ann

(Young) Barrett to Galion. Her father was a stone mason by trade and lived at Galion for some years and then went to Kansas, where his death occurred at the age of 70 years, his wife having previously died at Galion, in 1875, at the age of 63 years. They were members of the Presbyterian church.

Mr. and Mrs. Gorman have two daughters, Bessie and Madge C. The former is the wife of Harry C. Tram, of Cleveland, O. The latter is the wife of John Weidenkofer, and they have one son, Robert Gorman, and reside at Cleveland. Mr. and Mrs. Gorman are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. Gorman is a member of Dick Morris Post No. 30, G. A. R., of which he was commander for seven years, and has filled other offices, including that of adjutant. He has been officially connected also for a number of years with the Soldiers' Relief Corps. In politics he is a Democrat. Mr. and Mrs. Gorman have a very pleasant home at Galion and a visitor there is sometimes favored with an exhibition of valuable and historic relics. These include a handsome punch bowl and spoon said to have been used by both General Washington and General LaFayette when entertained by the Barretts, and left as an heirloom to Mrs. Gorman by a grandaunt. Mr. Gorman is justly proud of being the custodian of a volume that was presented to the Dick Morris Post by friends, in which the G. A. R. records are carefully preserved.

HENRY A. KEHRER, a prominent citizen of Whetstone township, Crawford county, O., residing on his valuable farm of 120 acres, has been a public official for a number of years and enjoys the confidence and esteem of his fellow citizens. He is a native of this township, born Nov. 30, 1868, and is a son of Daniel and Lydia (Kester) Kehler.

The Kehler family was established in Crawford county by the grandparents, Martin and Nancy (Brooklaugher) Kehler, who came from Pennsylvania and lived in Whetstone township, where their son, Daniel Kehler was born and spent his life. He

was a carpenter by trade and also engaged in farming. His death occurred in July, 1908. In politics he was a Democrat and he belonged to the Reformed church. He married Lydia Kester, who was born also in Crawford county, a daughter of Jacob Kester and she still resides on the farm in Whetstone township. They had the following children: Samuel, Henry A., Ella, William D., Jacob M., Emma E., Joseph A. and Reuben E.

Henry A. Kehrer obtained a common school education and afterward gave his father assistance on the farm for two years, in the meantime beginning to work under his father at the carpenter trade, and then went to Galion and completed his apprenticeship by working two years more. Following this he moved on his father-in-law's farm, the Peter Beach place, and operated it for two years and for five years prior to moving on his present farm he cultivated it. In 1896 he bought 75 acres from William Beltz and 45 acres from Samuel Stinehelfer, immediately beginning to improve. In 1900 he erected his handsome residence, which is one of the finest in Whetstone township, and three years later his substantial barn, adding fencing and tiling as necessary. General farming and moderate stock raising are the industries.

On Nov. 21, 1894, Mr. Kehrer was married to Miss Matilda T. Beach, a daughter of Peter and Amanda (Cook) Beach, and a granddaughter of Adam Beach and John and Sarah (Deibler) Cook. The parents of Mrs. Kehrer now live retired at Galion, where they attend the Reformed church. He is a veteran of the Civil war. Mrs. Kehrer has one sister, Ellen E., who is the wife of Peter Neuman, of Whetstone township. Mr. and Mrs. Kehrer have two sons: Arthur C., who was born June 23, 1895; and Clinton G., who was born Feb. 12, 1903. The family attend the German Reformed church. In politics Mr. Kehrer is an influential member of the Democratic party and at present is serving his second term as township treasurer and has served five years on the school board.

JACOB J. NEUMAN, who owns one of the fine farms of Whetstone township, Crawford county, O., a tract of 80 well-improved acres, was born Sept. 28, 1853, in Crawford county, but was reared in Marion county. His parents were Henry and Susan (Young) Neuman.

Jacob J. Neuman attended the public schools until he was 15 years of age and then began to work on farms by the month and continued until he was 24 years old, taking care of his wages during this time and after marriage settled on his present farm. Here he carries on general farming and stock raising, grows fruit for home use and successfully carries on all the industries which serve to make the modern farmer one of the most independent men of the day.

Mr. Neuman was married Feb. 17, 1878, to Miss Salome Dinkle, a daughter of Christopher and Catherine (Meyers) Dinkle, the former of whom was born in Germany and the latter in Pennsylvania. The father of Mrs. Neuman was a farmer and a carpenter and also worked as a millwright. In politics he was a Democrat. His children were as follows: George; Joseph F.; Salome, wife of Jacob J. Neuman; Lena, wife of John O. Neuman; and Elizabeth, wife of John H. Neuman. Mr. and Mrs. Neuman have had six children born to them, namely: Christopher H., who was married (first) to Della Guinther, who died after the birth of one son, George Russell, and was married (second) to Mabel Yeagley, and they have one son, Emerson; Francis F., who married Alta Albright, and they have two children, Viola and Harold; Otto E., who married Bertha Gerstenslager, and they have three children, Harley, Edwin and Frederick William; Margaret, who is a trained nurse residing at Galion; Pearl, who married Albert Sellers and they have two children, Esther and Christina; and Blanche, who married Howard Heinlen, and they have two children, Elesta and Gladys Lavina. Mr. Neuman and family belong to the Lutheran church, of which he is a trustee and in which he has served both as deacon and elder. In politics he is a Democrat and has frequently

been chosen for public office and served three years as township trustee, has also been supervisor and school director, and at present is a member of the township board of Health.

GEORGE BEACH,* who has been identified with one of the successful business enterprises of Galion, O., since its organization in 1908, the Perfection Road Machinery Company, of which he is foreman, was born in Hesse Darmstadt, Germany, Jan. 21, 1871, and is a son of Michael and Barbara (Bormuth) Beach. Both parents were born in Hesse Darmstadt. In 1881 the family came to America, on the ship *Persian*, landing at New York City and from there coming to Galion, and here Michael Beach has worked at his trade of millwright. His wife died in 1897, when aged 53 years.

George Beach is the only surviving child of his parents and was ten years old when they came to America. He attended school until he was 16 years old and then was apprenticed to the machinist's trade and worked at the same with different firms from 1889 until 1908, for eight years before accepting his present position, being with the Schupe Carriage Works. He is not only an expert mechanic but has ability as an executive and manages the force of 30 workmen in the factory without friction.

In 1901, Mr. Beach was married at Galion to Miss Clara Kiess, who was born in this city, June 16, 1871, a daughter of Emanuel and Catherine (Hetter) Keiss, who have lived in Galion for the past 40 years. Mr. and Mrs. Beach have one child, Esther N., who was born Jan. 21, 1904. They are members of the First Reformed Church at Galion. In politics Mr. Beach is a Democrat and for some years he has belonged to the order of Knights of Pythias. He is recognized as one of the reliable and useful citizens of Galion, exceedingly resourceful in business and law-abiding under every circumstance.

ISAAC A. LAUGHBAUM, one of the leading citizens of Whetstone township, Crawford county, Ohio, a member of the

board of directors of the Crawford County Infirmary, resides on his farm of 160 acres, which he devotes to general agriculture. He was born in Henry county, O., Nov. 17, 1853, and is a son of Joseph and Elizabeth (Pfeifer) Laughbaum.

The father of Mr. Laughbaum was born in Pennsylvania and the mother in Germany. Farming was his occupation through life. Both Joseph and Elizabeth Laughbaum are now deceased, their burial having been in Sandusky township. They had the following children: Nancy, who is the wife of John H. Beltsing; Emanuel R.; Isaac A. Allen; Samantha J., who is the wife of Joseph Parr; Amanda E., who is the wife of Norman Palmer; Ida, who is the wife of George Weeks; Clement L.; Winona, who is the wife of William Walters; and Della, who is the wife of Samuel Cole.

Isaac A. Laughbaum went to school in boyhood but was yet young when he began to engage, to some extent, in farming and has continued along the same line all his life. His first purchase of land was 40 acres of his present farm, which he bought from his father-in-law and later the remainder came to his wife through inheritance. On Oct. 9, 1875, he was married to Miss Susan Shearer, a daughter of Adam and Hannah (Clark) Shearer. The father of Mrs. Laughbaum was thrice married and she is the only surviving child of his second union, two having died in infancy.

To Mr. and Mrs. Laughbaum the following children were born: Nettie, who married Lewis Walter and has one son, Ralph; William C., who married Mabel Dolbeer and has one child, Naomi; Edwin, who married Julia Johnson and has three children, Howard, Ellen and Hattie; Carrie, who married Albert Gerstenslager and has three children, Lucile, Irene and Donald L.; Earl, who married Edna Ross and has two daughters, Helen and Lola Belle; Erman, who married Blanche Flowers and has one child, Blossom; John; Ora, who married Rachel Cook, and has one child, Marvel; Harold and Valma, who are at home. Mr. Laughbaum's children have been given good educational advantages. William C., the eldest son, is a



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graduate of Wittenberg college and seminary and is pastor of the English Lutheran church at Nevada, O. Edwin H. is principal of the schools of Galion and is also on the board of county school examiners. Earl is also a school teacher and additionally is a substitute mail carrier at Galion. After graduating from Wittenberg College, John, entered upon his studies preparatory to becoming a minister. The other sons have become successful farmers and all are credits to their parents and the community. Carrie was a teacher in the public schools for a number of years before her marriage, and Valma is now a junior in the Galion High School.

In politics Mr. Laughbaum is a Democrat and has served four years as township trustee and also as school director. He was twice elected to the office of County Infirmary Director. He is a member of Polk Grange at Galion, being past master of the same and also deputy master of the Ohio State Grange. The whole family has membership in the English Lutheran church. Mr. Laughbaum has served for a number of years as superintendent of the Sunday school at North Robinson, also as a member of the church council, and also as secretary of the joint council of the North Robinson charge.

JAY L. HOLTZHOUSE,* a member of one of the old and respected families of Whetstone township, Crawford county, O., and one of the heirs of an estate of 109 acres of very valuable land, was born on the old homestead where he still lives, Aug. 31, 1883, and is a son of Benjamin F. and Mary G. (Noblit) Holtzhouse.

Benjamin F. Holtzhouse was born in Pennsylvania and was of German parentage. He was a veteran of the Civil war and for many years was a respected citizen of Crawford county and carried on farming on his land in Whetstone township, where his death occurred in 1894. He married Mary G. Noblit, who was born in Crawford county, and the following children were born to them: John; Bertha, who is the wife of W. L. Tupps; Nettie, who is the wife of Jay Line; Della, who is the wife of Isaac Beach; Ollie, who is the wife of Oliver Beach; Jay L. and Warren. Since his school

days Jay L. Holtzhouse has worked the homestead farm on shares with his mother. He is an industrious and intelligent farmer and in his agricultural operations shows good judgment and thorough knowledge.

In 1903 Mr. Holtzhouse was married to Miss Jessie Coulter, who is a daughter of William and Margaret (Hager) Coulter, well known residents of Galion, O. Mrs. Holtzhouse has one half-brother, George F., and a half-sister, Etta, who is the wife of Lewis Hallay, while her full sister and brothers are: Roma, who is the wife of Fred Robison; and Clyde and Howard. Mr. and Mrs. Holtzhouse have one son, Floyd. They attend the United Brethren church and have many pleasant social interests in the neighborhood. In politics he is a Republican, as was his father.

WILLIAM KRAUTER, who is one of the leading men of Bucyrus township, Crawford county, O., a very successful agriculturist and owner of large bodies of land in the county, is interested also in several successful industrial enterprises. Mr. Krauter was born in Germany, April 8, 1849, and was six years old when his parents, John and Catherine (Borner) Krauter, brought him to this country.

John Krauter, with wife and five children, came to America in 1854, crossing the Atlantic ocean in a sailing vessel that afforded few comforts and no luxuries to the passengers but nevertheless safely landed them on solid ground. From New York they came to Crawford county, O., and John Krauter was a farmer in Liberty township until twenty-six years before death, when he moved to Bucyrus and died there. His wife died in Liberty township. They had seven children, namely: Jacob, Christian, John C., William, Gottlieb, Frederick and David, all surviving except Gottlieb. They were good, Christian people, strict members of the German Methodist church.

William Krauter obtained his book education in the common schools, but during a long and busy life has learned many other lessons. He helped his father clear off the land and develop a productive farm and re-

mained at home until he was 25 years of age, and then started out for himself. On April 9, 1874, Mr. Krauter bought 82 acres of land from George Cook, to which he later added until at present his home farm contains 157 acres, situated in Bucyrus township, while he owns an additional 100 acres in Whetstone township, all well improved and fertile, productive farm land which he devotes mainly to farming, raising only enough stock for his own use. Mr. Krauter has other sources of income, being a stockholder in the Carroll Foundry & Machine Company, at Bucyrus, and also in the Independent Telephone Company.

On April 2, 1874, Mr. Krauter was married to Miss Caroline Gebhart, a daughter of Adam and Susan (Brand) Gebhart, residents of Holmes township, Crawford county, but natives of Germany. Mr. and Mrs. Gebhart had five children: Catherine, Caroline, Susan, Jacob and John. To Mr. and Mrs. Krauter five children have been born, as follows: Amanda; Emma, who is the wife of Rev. Blume, a minister in the German Methodist church; Amos B., who married Mary Yaussy; Charles E.; and Clara. Mr. and Mrs. Krauter are members of the German Methodist church. In his political views Mr. Krauter is a Republican and he gives hearty support to that party but has no fault to find with those whose opinions differ from his own. He is widely known and universally respected.

JEREMIAH NIMAN, for many years was known as one of the far seeing business men and reliable citizens of Bucyrus, O. He was born in Richland county, O., not far distant from Mansfield, and died at Bucyrus, Feb. 1, 1900, when aged about 62 years. His parents were John and Margaret (Bradley) Niman.

John Niman was born in Pennsylvania and his wife in England, but they were married in Richland county, O., the Bradleys having settled at Mansfield when the present city had but three primitive huts and when the Indians were still numerous in that section of the country. Mrs. Niman was quite young when her father took possession of one of these

huts and her experiences of pioneer life enabled her in after years to relate many interesting stories to her descendants, especially stories connected with the then fast disappearing Indians. Her death occurred on her ninetieth birthday, in 1895, she having survived her husband for many years. They were parents of five sons and two daughters, namely: James, William, Jeremiah, John B. and one not named, Margaret and Elizabeth, all of whom have now passed away except John B., who is proprietor of the Union Foundry at Mansfield, O.

Jeremiah Niman had such educational opportunities as the village afforded in his day. When quite young he began to assist his father in the latter's furniture and cabinet-making shop and had practically learned the business by the time he was eighteen years of age. He then determined to become a soldier and enlisted for service in the Civil War with his two brothers, one of whom, William, was captain of his company, the other, John B., being a musician in the regiment, which had been raised by Col. McLaughlin, of Mansfield. Jeremiah Niman, in spite of his youth, became a brave and efficient soldier, acting as color bearer—a post of unusual danger—and, with the exception of an attack of typhoid fever, passed through the war unharmed and received an honorable discharge. In 1865 he came to Bucyrus and embarked in the furniture and undertaking business and prospered and some years later erected the Niman Block at No. 130 South Sandusky street, in which he carried on his business until 1896, when he retired. The closing years of his life were spent in the quiet way most congenial to old age and he passed out of existence leaving behind him a record of an honorable life during which he had harmed no man by word or deed. Politically he was a Republican. For many years he was a member of Keller Post, G. A. R. and the National Union and Royal Arcanum. He was a Presbyterian and gave liberally to religious movements.

At Toledo, O., in 1870, Mr. Niman was married to Miss Mary J. Seaman, who was born at Woodville, Sandusky county, a daughter of Capt. Ira Kent and Mary (Swartzman) Seaman. The father of Mrs. Niman was born in New Jersey and her



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mother in Pennsylvania. They were married at Fremont, O., where they lived until 1862, when they moved to Toledo, where Mr. Seaman became a prominent member of the bar and a representative citizen. He served through the Civil War and raised Co. I, 21st O. Vol. Inf., which was the first company that went out of Sandusky county. He lived usefully many years afterward, his death taking place at the home of Mrs. Niman, when he was 89 years, seven months and six days old. His wife had died previously at Toledo, when aged 60 years. The family ancestry has been preserved. His father was Daniel Seaman and his grandparents were Micah and Jemima (Ball) Seaman. The original settler had been born in England and, with a brother, had owned a whaling vessel that probably was stranded on American shores, as the earliest settlement of the family traced was on Long Island. This ancestor participated in the Revolutionary War under General Washington. Daniel Seaman, Sr., came from New Jersey to Sandusky, O., where subsequently the family became one of more than usual prominence. Mrs. Niman has two surviving sisters—Mrs. M. Belle Bushanan, who is a resident of Bucyrus (her husband is a great nephew of President Buchanan); and Mrs. Emily Kinnear, who lives at Galesburg, Ill. Jackson Daniel Seaman, a brother of Mrs. Niman, served on the gunboat Ozark in the Civil War. Charles F., another brother, was in the regular army and was one of the guards placed over Sitting Bull, when that bad Indian was captured. Mrs. Niman is a member of the Presbyterian church and is interested in the work of foreign missions. She is a lady of education and culture, belongs to the Current Events Club and to the Keller Post Relief Corps.

JOHN MESSNER, deceased, was one of those worthy citizens and kind, good, Christian men whose death is not only a loss to their community and family, but is felt in a wider circle to which the influence of their useful lives have extended. He had but few advantages in his youth as his father died when he was very young and his mother had four other children to claim her attention and be provided for. After

her second marriage to an excellent man, Thomas Collier, the family came to Crawford county, O., and here John Messner spent almost the whole of his subsequent life.

John Messner was born in 1818, in Pennsylvania, and it is possible that he served his four years of apprenticeship to the shoe-making trade before he came as a permanent resident to Crawford county. Later he became a farmer and still later, after moving to Bucyrus, a business man here. He was not only respected but highly esteemed and it has been said of him that his mere presence was a tonic, so cheerful and happy was his temperament. Nominally he was a Democrat in his political views but was very apt to cast his vote for those candidates whose private life sustained their public utterances. He never identified himself with any religious body although every act of his life proclaimed that he possessed those characteristics which make men true Christians. He found good in all men, he forgave those who did him wrong, he cheered the unfortunate and gave to those in need. His life was, therefore, one of beneficence, and his memory is tenderly cherished. His death occurred at Bucyrus, O., June 20, 1902.

John Messner was married first to Miss Maria Clapper, who was born in Crawford county, O. She died following the birth of her only child, Thomas William, now of Allegheny, Pa. Some years later Mr. Messner returned to Pennsylvania, and while there married Margaret Gardner. She was born there, a daughter of parents who had crossed the Atlantic ocean from Scotland and Ireland prior to the War of 1812, in which the father of Mrs. Messner participated. Seven children were born to this marriage, one son and six daughters, all of whom survive. Two daughters, both of whom reside with their mother at Bucyrus, are prominent educators in Crawford county, one of them, Miss Martha Messner, being county school examiner and city examiner, the first woman ever appointed to this office in Ohio.

Mary Ellen Messner was the eldest of the

above family and was born and educated at Bucyrus. She married Herschel Quinby Johnston, Feb. 16, 1875, and they have two children: Martha Pearl and Ida Blanche. The former was born at Bucyrus, May 16, 1876, and was graduated from the Bucyrus high school in 1895. Six years later she married Hiram Benjamin Sears, who was born, reared and educated in Crawford county. Mr. Sears is a charter member of the Crawford County Forestry Association and its present treasurer. He is deeply interested in the movement as applied to local surroundings and frequently has exhibits at county fairs in order to secure the attention of other farmers to this very important matter. Mr. and Mrs. Sears have two sons: Richard Elkanah, who was born April 21, 1903, and John Frederick, who was born March 13, 1905. The second daughter of Mrs. Johnston, Ida Blanche, was born Oct. 27, 1878, and was graduated from the Bucyrus high school in the class of 1896. She married Judge Charles F. Schaber, and they have 3 children: Bertha Mary, who was born April 15, 1905; Virginia May, who was born Jan. 12, 1909; and Ruth Marion, born June 8, 1912. Mrs. Johnston and daughters attended the Methodist Episcopal church. The venerable mother of Mrs. Johnston is in excellent health despite her 75 years. Her favorite book is the Holy Bible and this she has read and studied for so many years until its precepts and promises are familiar and she can readily apply them to almost every problem of life.

W. S. DEERWESTER,* one of the representative citizens of Holmes township, Crawford county, O., a farmer and carpenter and house builder, was born in Clermont county, O., in 1860, and is a son of Peter Deerwester, an early settler there.

W. S. Deerwester was given public school advantages and afterward learned the carpenter trade and also followed farming to some extent. In 1876 he came to Crawford county and located at Brokensword, and since then has built more than 100 substantial barns and a large percentage of the best farmhouses in this section. He owns a small

farm located eight miles northwest of Bucyrus and gives it attention, but still follows work at his trade.

Mr. Deerwester was married (first) to Miss Ida M. Smith, a daughter of William Smith, and an infant was born to them, now deceased. After his first wife passed away, Mr. Deerwester was married (second) to Miss Adella George, who is now deceased, neither of their two children surviving infancy. Mr. Deerwester is a very intelligent, broad-minded man and has given much study to public questions and has more or less identified himself with the Socialist party.

LEWIS H. ASSENHEIMER, who successfully operates a farm of 83 acres in Bucyrus township, was born in this township July 12, 1866, a son of Christian and Bertha (Marggraf) Assenheimer. His paternal grandparents were Ludwig and Rosena (Stoll) Assenheimer, the former of whom, Ludwig, was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, about 1802 and was a weaver by trade. In 1832 he came to New York and there, in 1833, he married Miss Rosena Stoll, who was also a native of Wurtemberg, Germany, born in 1811, and who, it is thought, came over in the same vessel. He brought a large stock of clocks with him, which he traded to his brother-in-law, George F. Stoll, for the building of a house. He followed his trade of weaver for many years and afterwards kept a grocery store. His death took place Oct. 19, 1855. He and his wife had thirteen children.

Christian Assenheimer, was born in New York City, Aug. 12, 1834, and was therefore little over a year old when his father located in Bucyrus in the fall of 1835. He attended school in the village until he was twelve years of age, learning both English and German, and worked at anything he could find to do until his 17th year, when he was apprenticed to Peter Shallenmiller, a cabinet-maker, to learn the trade. Having followed his trade as apprentice and journeyman until 1859, he then bought out his old employer, going in debt for a large part of the stock. He carried on the furniture

business and undertaking for about twelve years with good success, paying for his stock and buying the property where C. M. Matthews was afterwards located, where he carried on business until 1871. He then exchanged his town property for 96 acres of land, on which he resided until 1879, when he purchased a farm on the Sandusky road, five and a half miles from Bucyrus, on which he made various improvements. After operating this farm for a number of years he retired and is now living in Bucyrus with his wife, to whom he was married Oct. 6, 1859. Her name in maidenhood was Bertha Marggraf; she was born in Stadtilm, Saxony, Germany, Oct. 17, 1837, and came to America with her parents when but six years of age, they settling in Bucyrus, this county. They have had children as follows: Emma C., born June 26, 1860; Margaret T., March 15, 1862; Frederick C., May 28, 1864; Lewis H., July 12, 1866; Franklin E., Aug. 22, 1868; Edward C., July 26, 1871; William C., March 15, 1875, and Otto A., Oct. 5, 1877. The parents are members of the German Lutheran church.

Lewis H. Assenheimer acquired his education in the common schools of this locality and in the meanwhile was initiated into farm work by his father, whom he assisted until his marriage. The farm of 83 acres which he owns formed a part of the parental homestead and he has resided here since he was five years of age. It is a fertile and well cultivated piece of land, well supplied with good buildings, and here he carries on general farming, also keeping enough stock for his own use. A Democrat politically, Mr. Assenheimer has been somewhat active in township affairs; he is a member of the board of education and is also road supervisor, looking after 18 miles of road.

He was married January 23, 1895, to Magdalena Stuckman, a daughter of Henry and Elizabeth (Speigle) Stuckman, farming people of Bucyrus township. Of this marriage, four children have been born: Arno, Harold, Howard and Bertha Elizabeth. The family attend the English Lutheran church.

HARRY MACKEY, a well known engineer with the Erie Railroad, who has been

identified with this line since his 24th birthday, was born at Gallion, O., June 25, 1859, and is a son of James and Mary (Pensinger) Mackey.

James Mackey was born in Pennsylvania but in childhood accompanied his parents to Zanesville, O., and in 1850 to Galion, where his father, William Mackey, died. While living at Zanesville James Mackey learned the carpenter trade but after he came to Galion engaged in butchering and meat packing for some years, after which he became a very successful building contractor here and continued in that line as long as he was active. His death occurred at Galion in 1900. He was married in Ohio to Mary Pensinger, who was born in Pennsylvania and had accompanied her parents to Ohio. Her death occurred at Galion in 1864. She was a member of the English Lutheran church. The family consisted of three sons, Thomas, John and Harry, and one daughter, Jennie, who is the widow of James Stewart, now of Montana.

Harry Mackey was reared and attended school at Galion, and afterward for a time was with his brother, Thomas, in the meat business and as a side interest learned to operate a stationary engine. Mechanics came to him naturally, and as he found his bent was in that direction he decided to enter upon railroad work, and on his birthday, June 25, 1883, became an employe of the Erie Railway Company. He served for three and one-half years as fireman and then was given an engine and ever since has been connected with the Cincinnati East Division. His promotion has been unusually rapid, probably because he has never had a single accident and because never a single complaint has been entered against him. He has had his name added to the Red Star list, which indicates that he is one of the most valued passenger engineers in the service.

Mr. Mackey was married at Galion to Miss Katherine Pfeffer, who was born in this city in 1857, a daughter of Frederick Pfeffer, and died here Jan. 8, 1904, leaving no children. She was a member of the Presbyterian church. Mr. Mackey was married (second) to Miss Anna Sames, who was

born at Galion, July 29, 1861, a daughter of Henry and Mary (Lanius) Sames. The parents of Mrs. Mackey were born in Germany but were married at Galion, where their subsequent lives were spent, the father dying at the age of 63 years and the mother surviving to be 71 years old. They were members of the German Reformed church. Mrs. Mackey had two brothers: Henry C., who died at Brightwood, Ind., when aged twenty-six years, survived by a widow and son; and William H., who is a hardware merchant at Mt. Gilead, O.

Since she was fifteen years of age, Mrs. Mackey has been a member of the German Reformed church, which Mr. Mackey also attends. Since 1886 he has been identified with the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, and has filled almost all of the positions in the local lodge at Galion and has recently as a delegate of Division No. 16, the convention of the International Brotherhood recently convened at Harrisburg, Pa. He belongs also to the Junior Order of American Mechanics, No. 106, at Galion, to Lodge No. 186, Knights of Pythias, of this city, and to Order of Owls, Nest No. 1700, of Marion, O. In politics he casts an independent vote.

SIMEON G. BEAL,* who is a representative of one of the old agricultural families of Crawford county, O., follows farming and stock raising in Bucyrus township, operating two farms, one of 80 acres, which belongs to his father, and his own property, where he has 40 acres. He was born in Bucyrus township, Oct. 19, 1856, and is a son of Isaac Beal.

Simeon G. Beal attended the district schools near his father's farm in his youth and afterward was trained to be a practical farmer and raiser of stock, and in order to be successful there is a great deal to be learned along both lines. Mr. Beal raises only enough general stock for his own use but devotes considerable attention to sheep growing and through his excellent methods makes this industry a profitable one.

Mr. Beal was married to Miss Catherine Sherer, who died Dec. 17, 1910, a daughter

of Samuel Sherer. Her burial was in the Sherer cemetery in Whetstone township, where other members of her family rest. One son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Beal, Milton Sherer, a bright youth who was graduated from the Bucyrus high school in the class of 1910. Mr. Beal is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church as was his wife. He is a Democrat in his political views.

FREDERICK C. ASSENHEIMER, a farmer of Bucyrus township, who owns 82 acres of land and also works 80 acres belonging to his father, was born in the town of Bucyrus, May 28, 1864, a son of Christian and Bertha (Marggraf) Assenheimer. His father, Christian Assenheimer, was born Aug. 12, 1834, in Cherry Street, New York City, and was a son of Ludwig and Rosena (Stoll) Assenheimer. In 1835 Ludwig Assenheimer brought his family to Crawford county, Ohio, locating in Bucyrus, and young Christian grew up in the village, learning both German and English. He attended school until twelve years old, at which time he began to do odd jobs and work at anything he could find to do. In his 17th year he was apprenticed to Peter Shallenmiller to learn the trade of cabinet-maker, remaining with him three years and a half and subsequently following his trade as a journeyman until 1859, when he bought out his old employer. He carried on the furniture business and undertaking for about 12 years and finally bought the property subsequently occupied by C. M. Matthews & Co., where he did business until 1871. He then exchanged his town property for 96 acres of land in Bucyrus township, on which he resided until 1879, when he bought a farm of 160 acres on the Sandusky road, five and a half miles from Bucyrus, on which he made fine improvements and took up his permanent residence. He was married Oct. 6, 1859, to Miss Bertha Marggraf, of Bucyrus, who was born in Stadthelm, Saxony, Germany, Oct. 17, 1837, and who came to America with her parents when but six years of age. Of this marriage six sons and two daughters were born, as follows: Emma

C., June 26, 1860; Martha T., March 15, 1862; Frederick C., May 28, 1864; Lewis H., July 12, 1866; Franklin E., Aug. 22, 1868; Edward C., July 26, 1871; William C., March 15, 1875; and Otto A., Oct. 5, 1877. Christian Assenheimer and wife are members of the German Lutheran church and he is a Democrat politically, serving six years as a member of the town council and three years as township trustee. They now live retired in Bucyrus.

Ludwig Assenheimer, the father of Christian and grandfather of our subject, was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, about 1802, and was a weaver by trade. In 1832 he came to New York, where he married Rosena Stoll, a native also of Wurtemberg, born Aug. 11, 1811, and who probably came over in the same vessel. They were married in 1833, and came to Bucyrus in 1835. He brought a large stock of clocks with him, which he traded to his brother-in-law, Geo. F. Stoll, for the building of a house. He followed his trade for many years, then kept a grocery store until his death, which occurred Oct. 19, 1855. He and his wife had thirteen children.

Frederick C. Assenheimer acquired his education in the common schools and was trained to agriculture, becoming a practical farmer. He started in for himself when 28 years old, working for a year and a half by the month and then being associated with his father, from whom he later bought his farm, which he has operated alone. He does general farming and keeps stock enough for his own use. In politics he is a Democrat. He was married Feb. 28, 1907, to Mrs. Viola (Mollenkop) Harmon, who is a daughter of Philip Mollenkop and was married previously to Jay Harmon, now deceased. Of her first union there were two children, Ward C. and Alice Ruth. Mr. and Mrs. Assenheimer are the parents of one child, Elsie Rowena. Mr. Assenheimer belongs to the German Lutheran church, while his wife is a member of the United Brethren church. They have a fine homestead and are prosperous farming people, well known and respected throughout the township and vicinity.

JOHN HALEY, who entered into the service of the Erie Railway Company as a call boy, away back on Nov. 20, 1869, has been identified with this road ever since, and through regular promotions in 1902 was made a passenger engineer and now fills that very important position, one of the oldest and most relied on engineers in the Erie service. Mr. Haley was born at Cleveland, O., April 4, 1855, and is a son of John and Mary (Carroll) Haley.

Both parents of Mr. Haley were born in 1814, in County Cork, Ireland, and there they were married in 1839 and a few years later came to America and subsequently located at Cleveland, O., and from there came to Galion, in 1857. The father was a railroad man and for some years he was connected with the Big Four and the Erie Railroads while living at Galion, where his death occurred Dec. 5, 1894. His widow survived until Jan. 15, 1899. They were members of St. Patrick's Roman Catholic church. In politics he formerly was a Democrat, but after the conclusion of the Tilden-Hayes campaign, voted the Republican ticket until the end of his life. He was the father of a family of three sons and three daughters, all of whom survive except one daughter.

John Haley accompanied his parents to Galion in 1857, being then an infant, was reared here and obtained his education in the public schools, leaving at the age of fourteen years in order to become a railroad man, for which he had a strong natural inclination. In November, 1869, he became call boy for the Erie and four years later was made fireman on the Fourth Division of what was then the Atlantic & Great Western, in June, 1873, when it was also called the Broad Gauge. Later the road became the N. Y. & P. O., later changes being made until the present name of the Erie Railway was adopted, and during all this period of changing names and owners, equally important changes were being made in the methods of railroading and equipping. He recalls the time when the engines were fired with wood, and few, if any, of the most fore-sighted railroad men could have

pictured the present day steam engines, superheated with steam or electricity, which often weigh 250 tons. On July 29, 1879, Mr. Haley was made an engineer and in November, 1880, was given a crew, and now, with one exception is the oldest engineer of the Third Division, running from Marion to Kent, O. He has an excellent record as a train man, his caution and prudence being proverbial, and few engineers of this line enjoy more fully the confidence of employers or comrades.

Mr. Haley was married at Sandusky, O., to Margaret Mullen Manz, who was born and educated at Sandusky. She is of French and German extraction, a daughter of Joseph and Frederica Manz. Joseph Manz was one of eight brothers that enlisted in the Union army and fought throughout the War of the Rebellion. He was a member of Company A, 32nd O. V. I., and served under General Grant. He belonged to McMeens Post, G. A. R., Sandusky, O. Joseph and Frederica Manz were married in New York City and it was there Mrs. Haley was born. Mr. Manz was accidentally killed at Sandusky by a Lake Shore engine, July 12, 1891, when sixty years of age. He was a well known citizen of Sandusky and a member of the Roman Catholic church. The mother of Mrs. Haley survived until February 22, 1911, for many years having been a member of the Lutheran church. Mrs. Haley has one brother, Anthony, and one sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Larkin, both of whom live at Sandusky. Mr. and Mrs. Haley are members of St. Patrick's Catholic church. He is an active and interested member of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers. In politics he votes independently.

GODFREY YAUSSY, proprietor of the Willow Brook stock farm, a valuable tract of 357 acres situated in Whetstone township, Crawford county, O., is one of the well known and substantial citizens of this section, to which he came in 1905, from Monroe county, O., where he was born July 25, 1851. His parents were Christian and Elizabeth (Muhleman) Yaussy.

Christian Yaussy and wife were both born

in Switzerland but they were married in America. He followed farming in Monroe county, O., for some years and his wife died and is buried there, and he then made his home with his son, Godfrey, where he died May 1, 1912. The family numbered seven children, three of whom died in infancy and one, Anna, who was the wife of Joseph Winkler, is also deceased. The survivors are: Godfrey, Edward and Samuel. The mother was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, while the father was a Lutheran. He was a Democrat in his political sentiments. His parents were Daniel and Mary Yaussy.

Godfrey Yaussy attended the common schools in Monroe county in boyhood and then went into a cheese factory, where he continued for eleven years. There are no people who understand the making of cheese quite so well as the Swiss, and Mr. Yaussy knows the manufacture of many varieties of this food-dainty. After coming to Crawford county in 1905 he purchased 197 acres of land from John Albright, 80 acres from a Mr. Miller and 80 acres more from a Mr. Rowse. Prior to coming here he sold his farm of 190 acres in Monroe county. He carries on dairying and is a breeder of registered Holstein-Friesian cattle.

In October, 1874, Mr. Yaussy was united in marriage with Miss Sarah Gehrig, a daughter of Christian and Mary (Dahler) Gehrig, who were natives of Switzerland. They were married in that land and afterward came to the United States and engaged in farming in Monroe county, where both died. They had the following children: Sarah; John; Rebecca, deceased, who was the wife of Edward Brenzikofer; Lydia, who is the wife of Fred Roth; Hannah, who is the wife of Samuel Yaussy; Selma, who is the wife of Carl Bock; and Ernest and Nettie. To Mr. and Mrs. Yaussy fourteen children have been born, all of whom survive, namely: Clara H., who is the wife of Charles W. Luthy; Lydia, who is the wife of John Fraley; Ella, who is the wife of Sanford Fraley; Robert; John; Mary, who is the wife of Amos Krauter; Henry; Selma; Otto; Edna, who is a teacher in Whet-

stone township; Esther; Paul; Clarence and Verna, the younger members attending the Bucyrus high school. Mr. and Mrs. Yaussy have reared their children in the Methodist Episcopal church. Although he is independent in his political views, Mr. Yaussy has been so generally recognized as a good citizen that he has frequently been elected to office.

CHARLES ULMER,* general merchant at Sulphur Springs, Crawford county, O., and a public spirited and substantial citizen, was born in Liberty township, Crawford county, O., in 1868, and is a son of Gottlieb and Barbara Ulmer, who were natives of Wittenberg, Germany. After coming to America they settled in Crawford county, O. Eleven children were born to them, namely: Henry, who married Anna May, a daughter of Lewis May, is deceased but his widow survives and lives in Vernon township; Mary, who married John Kleopentine, and they live at Mansfield, O.; Rosa, who lives with her husband in Liberty township; Jacob F., who is a resident of Liberty township, married Nora Pfleiderer; John W., who is a farmer in Liberty township, married Eliza Brown; David G., who is a resident of Liberty township, married first Tillie Knobenger and after her death married Mrs. David Lutz; Frederick, who is a resident of Cranberry township, married Anna Sanders; Charles, the subject of this sketch; and Lizzie, Katie and Eliza, all of whom died in infancy.

Charles Ulmer obtained his education in the public schools. After leaving the home farm he went into the general mercantile business and has continued and enjoys a large trade. He is one of the active and enterprising men of Sulphur Springs and at present is serving in the office of treasurer of Liberty township.

Mr. Ulmer was married to Miss Amy Striker, who died October 15, 1911, a daughter of Daniel and Mary Striker. They had the following children: Harvey, Mabel, Arthur, Robert, Edward, Sarah, all of whom live with their father, and one who died in infancy. Mr. Ulmer and children are mem-

bers of the Lutheran church. He is identified with the Order of Maccabees.

JOHN L. COOK, who was born Jan. 31, 1857, on his present valuable farm of 165 acres, which is situated in Whetstone township, Crawford county, O., belongs to a highly respected family of this section. His parents were John and Sarah (Deeber) Cook.

John Cook was born in Germany and was a son of Peter Cook. By trade he was a plasterer and for many years during the season was steadily employed and also engaged in farming. He always voted the Democratic ticket and he gave liberal support to Trinity Reformed church at Galion. He married Sarah Deeber, who was born in Pennsylvania, a daughter of Louis Deeber, and they had the following children: Elizabeth, deceased, who was the wife of John Albright; Henry; George; Amanda, who is the wife of Peter Beach; Tena, who is the wife of Jacob Whiteamire; Isaac; John L.; and Sarah, who makes her home with her brother, John L. Cook. The parents of the above family are deceased, their burial being in the Whetstone Cemetery.

John L. Cook attended the district school in boyhood with his brothers and sisters and afterward remained at home, as his father needed his assistance in cultivating his large estate of 335 acres. When his father died, Mr. Cook bought 91 acres and kept on adding until he now owns 165 acres as stated above. He carries on general agriculture here and is one of the prosperous farmers of this section.

Mr. Cook was married in 1887 to Miss Mary E. Gibler, a daughter of Adam and Rachel (Shearer) Gibler, who came to Crawford county very early and became people of ample means and were highly respected. Mrs. Cook has two brothers and one sister: Isaac and John, and Sarah, who is the wife of James McPeak. Five children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Cook, as follows: Rachel C., who is the wife of Ora Langhbaum; and Ida S., Nettie J., Elsie B. and Verdie B. The family attend Trinity Reformed Church. A staunch Demo-

crat, Mr. Cook has been elected to local offices by his party and has served three terms as school director and one term as road supervisor.

SIMON J. DENZER, a prosperous farmer, owning 101 acres in Bucyrus township, was born in this township, Oct. 21, 1856, son of Jacob and Matilda (McNeal) Denzer. His grandfather, Andrew Denzer, was born in Baden, Germany, and served under Napoleon in the disastrous Russian campaign, where so many of the army perished. Being lucky enough to escape death, he afterwards—about 1833—came to America, dying in this country seven years after. He and his wife had four sons and a daughter, Andrew, George, Jacob, Mary and Simon. Two of these children died in Germany and were buried at Upfingen, Baden. Mrs. Andrew Denzer survived her husband many years, passing away in 1876 at the advanced age of ninety-four.

Jacob Denzer was thirteen years old when he accompanied his parents to the United States. They soon settled in Crawford county, Ohio, the father (Andrew) purchasing 15 acres of land in Liberty township. This he cleared and in the following spring built a cabin on it. The same spring—of 1834—Jacob began work as a farm hand, earning three or four dollars per month, and was thus employed until he was 25 years of age. Until reaching his majority he gave his earnings to his parents. At the age of 25 he began farming rented land, which he operated for three years. On March 13, 1850, he married Matilda McNeal of Crawford county, who was born in Huntingdon county, Pa., Dec. 6, 1826, and she proved a most capable help-meet to him. After his marriage he rented a farm for six years and in the meanwhile bought 38 acres of land. In 1863 he purchased the homestead on which he resided for the rest of his life, where he carried on farming and stock-raising becoming in time one of the prosperous and substantial citizens of the township. For about ten years he also operated a saw-mill. He and his wife had thirteen children, of whom two—

Florence and an infant son—died in childhood. The others were Mary L., Jennie, Andrew, Esther, J. Anson, Simon J., Ella, Alexander, Maggie, Lewis L. and Electa V.

Simon J. Denzer was educated in the common schools and was brought up on his father's farm, acquiring a competent knowledge of agriculture methods. He has since continued in this now profitable line of industry and is now engaged in general farming keeping enough stock for his own use. A part of his farm belonged originally to the Denzer homestead; the rest he has acquired by purchase. He has made substantial improvements in the property, building the fine barn and residence which stands on his land, and the general aspect of his place is one of thrift and prosperity. He votes the Democratic ticket but is not an active politician.

He was married Feb. 15, 1888, to Clara F. Miller, who was born in Holmes township, this county, a daughter of Samuel and Mary (Lichtenwalter) Miller. Her parents were early settlers in Crawford county and cleared a farm there, the father coming from Columbiana county and the mother from Stark county. They were farmers. Their children were Isaac L.; Elizabeth, now deceased, who was the wife of Martin Shaffner; Sarah, wife of Andrew Gidley; Mary, wife of Valentine Heiby; Adeline, who married Michael Shiffler; Catherine, who married William Lotzenheiser; Clara F., the wife of our subject; Daniel, now deceased; and Laura, who is the wife of Peter L. Bash. Mr. and Mrs. Denzer have two children, both sons, namely, John Evan and Allen D. The family attend the English Lutheran church.

CHRISTIAN HOOVER, who is one of the substantial citizens of Dallas township, Crawford county, O., owning 244 acres of finely developed land, was born in Crawford county, in September, 1844, and is a son of William and Phebe (Swisher) Hoover.

William Hoover was born in Pickaway county, O., but the greater part of his life was passed as a farmer in Crawford county.

He married Phebe Swisher, who was born in Franklin county, O., and the following children were born to them: John T.; Emma, who is the wife of Henry M. Welch; Christian; George W.; Margaret, who is the wife of David E. Fisher; Marcellus; Alice, who is the wife of Marks Tea; Charles Fremont; Flora, who is the wife of H. L. Weber; and William. ~

Christian Hoover had public school advantages as they were offered when he was a boy, and since then has devoted himself entirely to agricultural pursuits and since the age of four years has lived on his present farm, which is generally known as the old Hoover homestead. He no longer does more than overlook his farm, having placed all the practical responsibilities on the sturdy shoulders of his sons, who are capable and thorough farmers.

In 1868 Mr. Hoover was married to Miss Lorena Kirby, who was born in Crawford county, a daughter of Samuel and Mary (Welch) Kirby, old settlers here and well known people. Mrs. Hoover died Nov. 8, 1909, and her burial was in Oakwood cemetery, Bucyrus. Two brothers and one sister survive her: John, George and Emma, who is the wife of James Orr. To Mr. and Mrs. Hoover the following children were born: Ernest, who married Nona Flock, and has four children, Hugh, Alice, Florence and Lucile; Burdett K., who married Elnora Quaintance, and has two children, Chester and Hazel; Charles F., who married Nora Kerr and has five children, Helen, Wayne, Clifford, Marjorie and an infant; Maud; and Madge, who is the wife of Arlington Blair and has three children, Hoover, Thomas and a child unnamed. Mr. Hoover is a Republican in his political sentiments and occasionally has consented to serve his township in public office, for three years being a trustee, serving through an important period of the township's history. With his family he attends the Methodist Episcopal church.

HARRY R. SCHULER,* one of the able young professional men of Galion, O., a member of its bar and an important politi-

cal factor, was born at Indianapolis, Ind., Feb. 24, 1877, and is a son of Philip and Mary (Amann) Schuler.

Philip Schuler was born in Baden, Germany, and when eleven years of age came alone to the United States. After a few years in Michigan he came to Galion, O., where he engaged in the grocery business for some time and then turned his attention to insurance and real estate, and maintains offices in the Schaffner Block. He was married to Mary Amann, who was born in Ohio, a daughter of George and Mary Amann, who came to Ohio from Germany in 1855. George Schuler followed farming and dairying near Galion. He survived his wife, dying in 1906. They were members of the Roman Catholic church, and to this religious body Philip Schuler and wife also belong. He is one of the well known public men of Crawford county, a member of the General Assembly in 1867 and 1868 and chairman of the city council of Galion in 1880. He is one of the influential men of the Democratic party and a loyal supporter of its candidates. To Mr. and Mrs. Schuler three sons and four daughters were born, all of whom survive and are well known people of this section.

Harry R. Schuler was the second born in the above family and with his brothers and sisters was given excellent school advantages. In the 69th General Assembly of Ohio he was a page, after which he entered upon the study of law, and in 1902 was graduated from the law department of the University of Georgetown, D. C., receiving his degree of L. L. D. and in the following year that of L. L. M. In May, 1904, he came to Galion, after being admitted to the bar, to enter upon practice, and in 1909 was elected city solicitor, in which office he served until January 1, 1912. On numerous occasions he has been the delegate of his party to State, Senatorial and Congressional Democratic conventions and he is personally on the friendliest terms with many of the highest party leaders. His ability is very generally recognized and his party loyalty has withstood every test.

Mr. Schuler is unmarried. He is a mem-

ber of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic church at Galion. Fraternally, he is identified with the Elks, the Eagles, the Catholic Knights of Ohio and the Knights of Columbus and belongs also to the Commercial and the Lambs' Clubs.

MELANCHTHON GEORGE NUNGESSER, a prominent farmer and politician of Whetstone township, Crawford county, O., residing on his valuable farm three miles west of Galion, was born at New Winchester, O., Jan. 16, 1863, and is the only son of Christian A. and Elizabeth (Helfrick) Nungesser.

Christian Nungesser was born in Germany and before coming to the United States he learned the trade of shoemaking. He lived in Cincinnati, O. but later located at New Winchester in Crawford county and still later purchased his farm of 100 acres five miles west of Galion. This farm he still owns although he and his wife now live retired in Galion. They are members of the German Lutheran church. They had the following children born to them: Delilah C., wife of I. A. Cook; Margaret C., widow of H. P. Rexrith; Martha J., Wife of J. F. Guinther; and Melanchthon G.

Melanchthon G. Nungesser availed himself of the advantages of the county school of those days but left this school at the early age of 16 years and was thrown upon his own resources. However, he determined to further his educational training and he managed under very adverse circumstances and with much sacrifice to attend school at the Ohio Central College at Iberia, O. for one year. Later he spent several terms at the N. W. O. University at Ada, O. He then made practical application of his knowledge by teaching school, in which work he continued for 12 years. As a teacher, through his earnest devotion, persistent effort and close application he was eminently successful, winning the respect of his pupils, patrons and fellow teachers. Through his teachers' institute work and relations he was a very active and useful member.

On Sept. 29, 1887, M. G. Nungesser was married to Miss Matilda C. Burkhardt, who was born in Marion county, O., a daughter of Abraham and Caroline (Schaffer) Burk-

hardt. Mr. Burkhardt was born in Pennsylvania and Mrs. Burkhardt in Morrow county, O. They now live retired in Galion, O. Their children were as follows: Samuel; William; Matilda; Amanda, wife of J. McKinstry; John E.; and Cora, wife of H. O. Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Nungesser have had three children born to them: Vesta Vanola, Virgil Vinton and Cleoda D. The last named, who is 12 years old, is the only survivor, the two first named dying in infancy. Mr. Nungesser and wife are members of the English Lutheran church.

After marriage they located on a tenant farm which was all but modern and in a state of productiveness. Becoming discouraged at the wasted efforts of his best days, Mr. and Mrs. Nungesser concluded to buy a home for themselves and in 1904 they bought an 80 acre tract of land from the Jacob Christman heirs, located three miles west of Galion, for which he went heavily in debt. With renewed interest and added effort he set about improving it and at once adopted his plan of parallel tiling, which has since become so popular, erecting modern and commodious farm buildings, remodeling his residence and installing the most modern comforts and conveniences. Now by his close application, economy and thrift the encumbrance is cancelled, improvements paid for and the farm in a high state of productiveness. At present Mr. Nungesser is erecting another residence on West Main street, Galion, which he expects to occupy on completion. As a farmer and stock raiser he is a fancier of pure bred stock and raises registered stock as practical with his operations. His flock of registered American Delaine Merine sheep ranks among the best in the state. His stock as a whole well shows judgment in good breeding.

Mr. Nungesser is and always has been very active in Farmers' Institute work and is rated as one of the most progressive agriculturists of his county.

In politics he is a Democrat and has always taken a great interest in civil matters, thus stands as an important factor in his county and at the time of this writing is the candidate of the leading party of his county for the office of county representative. He has served on many very important committees and for



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several terms served as justice of the peace. He is also an active member of the Patrons of Husbandry, the I. O. F. and also the I. O. O. F.

Mr. Nungesser is as a whole a self-developed man, ambitious, persistent, known for loyalty and integrity, which has won for him a place of high regard in the minds of his fellow men.

CLARENCE R. SNYDER, one of the enterprising and successful young farmers of Whetstone township, operates 133 acres of valuable land, situated near Bucyrus and belonging to his father-in-law, David Wingert. Mr. Snyder was born in Whetstone township, Dec. 3, 1883, and is a son of John D. and Mary Elizabeth (Rorick) Snyder. The mother died on Jan. 2, 1905, but the father survives and is employed by the Galion Vault Company and formerly was a farmer. His children are: Clarence R., Ira M., Melvin V., Gladys Amelia and Margie Elizabeth.

Clarence R. Snyder attended the public schools and spent several terms at the O. N. W., at Ada, O. After completing his studies he was a teacher in the public schools for three years and then engaged in farm work, to which he has since devoted his attention. He is very industrious and possesses excellent judgment and has been very successful in the management of the property belonging to Mr. Wingert. General farming is his main business, although he raises some good stock, fully enough for home use.

Mr. Snyder married Miss Nancy M. Wingert, who is a daughter of David and Catherine (Kehrer) Wingert, the latter of whom died April 22, 1910. Mr. Wingert resides with Mr. and Mrs. Snyder, the latter being the only daughter. Mr. Wingert has one son, William M., who is a farmer in Whetstone township. Mr. and Mrs. Snyder have one daughter, Viola Lucilla, born June 6, 1907, and one son, Kenneth Willard, born May 22, 1912. In politics he is a Democrat and is serving as a member of the school board. He and wife belong to the German Reformed church, attending in Whetstone township.

CHARLES N. JUMP,* who is the popular teacher of the Frogtown school, in District No. 4, Tod township, Crawford county, O., was born in 1873, near Lemert, O., and is a son of William A. and Abbie (Dunlop) Jump.

The Jump family is an old one in Crawford county and the grandparents came here from New York when William A. Jump was three years old. The latter survives and has resided on his farm in Tod township for 40 years. He was married first to Abbie Dunlop and second to Adeline Heft. To the first union five children were born: Charles N., John Wallace, Ralph, Bertha and Denise, who married C. Burnshaw. To the second marriage two children were born: Theo and Fred, the mother of whom survives.

Charles N. Jump attended school at Lemert and afterward took a course in the university at Ada, O., and thus prepared, began, in 1893, to teach school and has continued in educational work ever since. Mr. Jump is considered a careful, conscientious and efficient teacher and his best recommendation is the fact that his pupils make steady progress and when they go out into the world for themselves find that the instruction he has given them is very valuable.

Mr. Jump was united in marriage with Miss Iva Diffenbaugh. Politically, he is a Democrat, and has served in the office of township assessor. He was reared in the United Brethren church.

WILLIAM M. WINGERT, general farmer and stock raiser, operating 122 acres of fine land which is situated in Whetstone township, Crawford county, O., was born in Whetstone township, Nov. 1, 1880, and is the only son of David and Catherine (Kehrer) Wingert.

David Wingert was born in Pennsylvania but has spent the larger portion of his life in Crawford county, O., where, for many years, he was a prosperous farmer. He now lives retired and since the death of his wife, in April, 1910, has resided with his daughter and son-in-law, Clarence R. Snyder.

der and wife, in Whetstone township, Mr. Snyder renting one of his farms, and also with his son, Wm. M. Wingert, and wife. He married Catherine Kehrer, who was born and died in Whetstone township. They had two children, William M. and Nancy M., the latter of whom is the wife of Clarence R. Snyder. In politics, Mr. Wingert is a Democrat. He is one of the older members and liberal supporters of the Reformed church in this township.

William M. Wingert obtained his education in the public schools. Under the direction of his father he became a reliable and careful agriculturist and for some years has rented from his father the farm which he is successfully conducting.

On March 13, 1910, Mr. Wingert was married to Miss Chloe Stump, who is a daughter of H. J. Stump, a family of considerable importance in this section of Crawford county, and they have one son, Layton H. Mr. and Mrs. Wingert attend the Reformed church. In politics, he is a staunch Democrat.

RUFUS AURAND, retired farmer and highly respected citizen, and also an honored veteran of the great Civil War, has been a resident of Bucyrus since 1903. He was born in Whetstone township, Crawford county, O., March 28, 1837, and is a son of Jonathan Aurand and a grandson of Henry Aurand.

Henry Aurand, the grandfather, was born in Pennsylvania and was a son of a Revolutionary soldier who fought in the Battle of Yorktown. Henry married Margaret Trebaugh, of German ancestry, and they both died in Union county, Pa. Henry Aurand and wife were members of the Reformed church.

Jonathan Aurand was born in Beaver township, Union county, Pa. He was married there to Susan Whittemeyer and they came to Ohio in 1827 and located in what was then an unimproved part of the county, although near Bucyrus. There the first wife of Jonathan Aurand died, Aug. 20, 1828. Two children survived her, both of whom are now deceased. On July 28, 1829,

Jonathan Aurand was married to his sister-in-law, Rachel Wittemeyer, also a native of Pennsylvania. They continued to live in Whetstone township for a number of years and then moved to Tod township, where Jonathan Aurand died July 12, 1875, his widow surviving him until May 1, 1892. They were estimable people, active in the Reformed church, valued neighbors and worthy examples. After moving to Tod township they united with the Methodist Episcopal church and were equally interested in its good works. A family of eight sons and four daughters were born to them all of the daughters and four of the sons being now deceased. All of the survivors have married, and all, with the exception of Emanuel, who resides in Nebraska, still live in Ohio. Of these eight sons, five became soldiers in the Union Army during the Civil War: Emanuel, Rufus, John, Jonathan and Enoch. Emanuel and Rufus were members of the 56th Ill. Vol. Inf., and after this regiment was disbanded by order of the Secretary of War, both served in other regiments. John was a member of a Missouri regiment; Jonathan served in the First O. Cav. and the 174th O. Vols., and was wounded while in the service; and Enoch was a member of Co. E, 34th O. Vol. Inf., and during his enlistment of eighteen months was made a prisoner in West Virginia and for a time was incarcerated in a Richmond prison.

Rufus Aurand grew up on the home farm, attended the district school and assisted his father and brothers until Sept. 7, 1861, when, with his brother Emanuel, he enlisted in the regiment which was later disbanded and he re-enlisted in the 61st O. Vol. Inf., becoming orderly sergeant of Company B, and serving as such until after the second battle of Bull Run, where he was temporarily in command. He was promoted for his soldierly qualities at this time, being made first lieutenant of Company K, a position he served in until serious ill health compelled him to resign and return home to recuperate. As soon as he was better and again able to take the field he re-enlisted, entering the 3d O. Cav., with

which he continued until the close of the war. He participated in many of the most serious battles of the time, and in looking back over the long list of engagements that meant death or injury to so many of his brave comrades, he is disposed to regard the second battle of Bull Run as the one most stubbornly contended. He was a part of the command that took part in Wilson's Raid through Tennessee, Alabama and Georgia in the last months of the war, and was at Macon, Ga., when hostilities ceased. After his military service was over he was connected with the saw mill industry until 1896 and was also a farmer until 1903, when he retired to Bucyrus, well entitled to a period of ease and comfort. Politically, he is a Democrat, but has consented to serve but little in a public capacity except as a justice of the peace, in which office he passed 24 consecutive years. He has been very active in Grand Army affairs and is senior commander of Keller Post, No. 128, G. A. R., at Bucyrus.

Mr. Aurand was married in Liberty township, Crawford county, O., to Miss Eva L. Seibert, who was born in 1855, in Holmes township. Her parents, Peter and Catherine (Smith) Seibert, were well known farmers in Holmes township, where they lived into old age. Mrs. Aurand is one of the six survivors of their large farming. Mr. and Mrs. Aurand are members of the U. B. church.

CHARLES F. UNGER,* who is one of the representative men of Bucyrus township, Crawford county, O., serving in his second term as township trustee, has operated what is known as the Henry Flock farm for the past five years and has brought its 85 acres up to a fine state of production. He was born in Liberty township, Crawford county, Jan. 17, 1860, and is a son of Frederick and Rosa (Bollinger) Unger.

Frederick Unger and wife were both born in Germany and both came when young to Crawford county, where they were subsequently married. The mother died June 1, 1895, and her burial was in Oakwood cemetery at Bucyrus. The fa-

ther engaged in farming during his active life and now lives retired at the home of a daughter in Richland county, O. They had the following children: Charles F., Caroline, wife of Charles Gearhart; William H., Albert J. and Sarah A., wife of David Croft.

Charles F. Unger obtained his education in the public schools and then worked for his father and remained at home until he was 30 years of age. In 1890 he bought a farm in Bucyrus township, which he sold in 1900, and then moved to Holmes township, where he bought his second farm, but in 1906 he also disposed of that property and since then has been renting the farm above referred to, carrying on farm industries here. He is one of the leading Democrats in this part of the county, and while living in Holmes township served two years as ditch superintendent, and as an official of Bucyrus township, has served with extreme efficiency. He is well known over the county, in which he has lived his entire life, with the exception of five years.

On March 21, 1890, Mr. Unger was married to Miss Maggie A. Staiger, who was born in Holmes township, Crawford county, Jan. 11, 1865, a daughter of John George and Magdalena (Strohm) Staiger. They were natives of Germany who settled in Holmes township many years ago and the father engaged in farming. Mr. and Mrs. Staiger had the following children: William, Charles, Mary, wife of Israel Ulmer; Mrs. Unger, George, Philip, Emanuel, Amelia, wife of C. R. Meyers; David, Moses and Martha, wife of Warren Dininger. Mr. and Mrs. Unger have one son, Frederick G., who was born in Bucyrus township in 1895, and assists his father on the farm. The family belongs to the German Lutheran church. Mr. Unger is identified with two fraternal organizations, the Eagles and the Owls, attending both lodges at Bucyrus.

ELI KILE, a well known resident of Whetstone township, engaged in agricultural pursuits, was born on a farm in this township, now occupied by his son-in-law, Sept. 10, 1851. His parents, Tobias and

Catherine (Knipp) Kile, were both natives of Germany, the former a son of Peter Kile and the latter a daughter of Christopher Knipp. After emigrating to America and settling in this section, Tobias Kile entered the land on which the Kile homestead now stands from the Government and began the development of a farm. He and his wife are both deceased and are buried in the Kile cemetery. They were German Lutherans in religion and he was a Democrat politically. They had a large family, namely: Eva, wife of Jacob Helfrick; Philip, Peter, Elizabeth, who married Peter Knipp; Catherine, wife of Simeon Kiess; Sarah, wife of Joseph Dinkle; Fred, Eli, subject of this sketch; Amanda, who married William Beltz, and Ida, now deceased, who was the first wife of William Beltz.

Eli Kile was educated in the common schools of this locality and was trained to farm work, in which he has since continued, doing general farming and keeping enough stock for his own use. Like his father, he is a Democrat and has been somewhat active in local affairs, as he was township trustee for several terms and treasurer of the township for three terms, completing his service in that office in January last, after having held office in one position or another for about thirty years altogether. As may be inferred, he is a man well thought of by his fellow citizens—sagacious and enterprising, with good business ability and sound judgment in matters concerning the public weal.

He was married in 1875 to Sophia Tracht, a daughter of Peter and Mary (Johnston) Tracht. Mrs. Kile's father is now deceased, but her mother is still living and is now in her 84th year, a resident of Jefferson township, this county. Their family was as follows: Eva, wife of Daniel Christman, both now deceased; Leonard, deceased; Lucinda, who married Leonard Weber, now deceased; Rosetta, wife of Henry Hinkel; Henry, Michael, Sophia, who is now Mrs. Eli Kile; Delilah, wife of Henry Snyder; Alfred and R. C. Mr. and Mrs. Eli Kile have been the parents of six children, namely: Minnie, Lula, wife of Peter Boehm;

Adella, wife of Fred Hildebrand; Myrtle, wife of Harry Nelson; Lottie and Ollie. The Kile family attend the Lutheran church.

HOMER SIMPSON, who is a rural mail delivery official, out from Galion, O., and a well known and representative citizen of Crawford county, was born in Misslin township, Ashland county, O., Oct. 1, 1871, and is a son of Robert and Josephine (Keightley) Simpson.

Robert Simpson was born in Richland county, O., in 1848, a son of Pennsylvania parents, who moved into Ashland county among the pioneers. They died near together, during an epidemic of typhoid fever, and beside two other sons and four daughters there was Robert, who was only two years old, at the time. All survive with one exception, and all have domestic ties of their own. Robert Simpson married Josephine Keightley, and they still live on their farm in Richland county. They are members of the United Brethren church.

Homer Simpson was the eldest born of a family of ten children, there being yet six sons and three daughters of this family surviving. In 1892 Mr. Simpson came to Galion and for three and one-half years afterward was a brakeman on the Erie Railroad, after which he was variously and busily employed until he was appointed to his present Government position by President Roosevelt, Sept. 1, 1903.

On March 26, 1902, Mr. Simpson was married at Galion, O., to Miss Katherine C. Swaney, who was born in Ashland county, where she was educated and for some years prior to her marriage was a teacher in the Ashland county schools. She is a daughter of John W. and Lydia M. (Billings) Swaney, the former of whom was born in Pennsylvania and the latter in New York. The mother of Mrs. Simpson came from Saratoga county to Ashland county, O., when a young woman, and for some years afterward taught school and subsequently was married to John W. Swaney. They spent their lives on the farm in Montgomery township, and there Mr. Swaney

died in 1894, aged 83 years, having survived his wife for 16 months, her age being 73 years. They were members of the Baptist church. In politics, Mr. Swaney was a Democrat. Mrs. Simpson has two sisters and four brothers, all of whom have married, two brothers being residents of Galion. Mr. and Mrs. Simpson are members of the Presbyterian church. Fraternally, he is a Mason, being a member of Galion Lodge and Galion Chapter at Galion, and belongs to the Council at Bucyrus. He also is identified with the I. O. O. F. He is a prominent member of the Rural Letter Carriers' Association of Ohio, of which he is secretary. Mr. and Mrs. Simpson are also active members of the Eastern Star.

SAMUEL M. BAIR,* a well known resident of Whetstone township, lives on his farm of 40 acres, which is a part of the 130-acre Bair homestead. Mr. Bair was born in this township in 1857, being a son of John and Rebecca (Shearer) Bair.

John Bair was born in Stark county, O., where he was a farmer all his life. He adhered to the principles of the Republican party and was affiliated with the Lutheran church. He married, as before indicated, Rebecca Shearer, who was born in Whetstone township, Crawford county, and they became the parents of children who were named as follows: G. W., Samuel M., Rachel Ann, wife of George Ness; Michael D.; Adam, deceased; Sadie J., deceased, who was the wife of John Seifert, and Lilly, wife of Lawrence McMichael.

Samuel M. Bair grew up on his father's farm, and after his school education was finished went to work on this farm with his father. He later was employed by the month, and so continued for ten years, when he rented a farm and went to work for himself. Eight years were spent in this manner and then Mr. Bair bought his present farm of forty acres from the Bair heirs and here he has since successfully carried on general farming.

In September, 1888, Mr. Bair was married to Miss Minerva Ellen Morrow, a native of Jefferson township. She is a daughter

of William and Catherine Morrow, of Crawford county, where William Morrow was formerly a well known farmer. He is now deceased and is buried in Biddle cemetery, but his wife survives and still lives in this township. Mr. Bair's brothers and sister are as follows: Harvey, Charles, Irvin, Albert, Frank, Joseph and Maude, who is the wife of Frederick Ritzhof.

To Mr. and Mrs. Samuel M. Bair there has been born one son, Ray Marion, who lives at home. Mr. Bair is a Republican and has served four or five years on the school board and as road supervisor for about seven years. He and his family are attendants of the U. B. church.

JOHN C. MEYER, who may almost be named as one of the pioneers in the ice business at Bucyrus, has been continuously engaged in the same since 1883 and has acquired an ample competency through the handling of this necessary commodity. Mr. Meyer was born at Bucyrus, April 7, 1861, a son of John and Margaret (Bauer) Meyer.

The parents of Mr. Meyer were both born in Germany and came to the United States in youth, crossing the Atlantic Ocean in the cumbersome sailing vessels of that day and after long and tempestuous voyages, landing safely at New York. They were married in Bucyrus, O. Mr. Meyer was an industrious man and was well known as a faithful and honest laborer along many lines and was a very prominent Democrat for many years. He was elected a member of the board of Infirmary directors, also of the board of Public Service and once was city treasurer. His death occurred August 6, 1908, when he was aged 76 years, 4 months and 12 days. His widow survived until Aug. 2, 1911, her age being 72 years. They had seven children, four sons and two daughters yet living. They were members of the German Lutheran church.

John C. Meyer was the eldest son and second child in his parents' family. He attended school in his native city and in boyhood was variously employed but his main business interest for the past 28 years has been the handling of ice. He married Miss Mary O. Bauer, who was born in Lykens township, Crawford county, in 1863, and died Sept. 5, 1902. She

was a daughter of Frederick and Henrietta (Bauer) Bauer, natives of Saxony, Germany. After they came to the United States, Mr. and Mrs. Bauer lived first at Boston, Mass., and then came to Crawford county, settling in Lykens Township, where Mrs. Bauer died, after which Mr. Bauer came to this city and died here at the age of 84 years. They had five sons and three daughters. Eight children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Meyers, the survivors being: Carrie H., born Oct. 31, 1885, who is the wife of Otis Shearer and has one daughter, Mary Martha, their home being at Aberdeen, S. Dak.; Odelia M., who was born in 1887, and resides at home; Edwin F. B., who with his wife Anna resides at home, he being in business with his father; and Augusta C., John and Adelaide, all of whom are at home. Mr. Meyer and family belong to the German Lutheran church. He is a Democrat in politics and fraternally is connected with the Elks, the Eagles, the Knights of Pythias and the Junior Order of United American Mechanics, and also has belonged to the Deutsche Gesellschaft since 1880, being a member in good standing of all these lodges.

CHARLES JACOB SCROGGS, senior member of the law firm of Scroggs & Monnett, was born in Bucyrus, O., July 14, 1863, a son of Hon. Jacob and Julia A. (Walwork) Scroggs. His paternal family is of Scotch origin, and according to tradition, their name is properly "Murray." During one of the border wars of the middle ages, Sir James Murray was on the losing side and he and supposedly all his family were put to death, except that after the battle, a child wrapped in the Murray plaid was found among the "scroggs," the local name of a kind of underbrush. Sir William Murray, a younger brother who had been on the other side in the battle was perfectly willing the older branch of the family should be extinct but was not quite equal to killing an innocent child in cold blood, and as a compromise, the boy, although undoubtedly his brother's son and the rightful heir to the family title and estates, was never formally recognized nor given the family name, but was called "Scroggs" from the place where he was found. This rescued child was the ancestor of the Scroggs family under

present consideration. Among the family annals also we find that a Sir William Scroggs, born in 1623, was graduated from Oxford University in 1639 and served as chief justice under Charles II. He died in 1683.

The first ancestors of the Scroggs family to seek their fortunes in the New World were four brothers of the name—Alexander, Allen, John and James Scroggs, who in 1743 settled in Cumberland county, Pa. According to family tradition, they were either grandchildren or great grandchildren of Chief Justice Scroggs above mentioned. They became men of mark and substance, but with three of them our history has little to do, being concerned chiefly with Allen. The latter was a farmer in Cumberland county, Pa., where he died in 1776, leaving a numerous family. His second son, John, born in 1766, made his way to Baltimore, where on May 18th, 1787, he married Frances Hook. He died in 1796 at the early age of 30 years.

His son, John Scroggs, Jr., who was born in Baltimore in 1792, was a hatter by trade. He continued to reside in that city until 1819 and saw military service in the War of 1812-15, being present at the bombardment of Fort McHenry and at North Point. He then removed to Cumberland county, Pa., and one year later to Columbiana county, O. He was married in Canton, O., to Ann Shawke, a daughter of Jacob and Dorothea (Kester) Shawke. Her father was born in Lebanon county, Pa., Nov. 15, 1753, and was of Bavarian ancestry, being able to trace his family back to the 14th century. He was a soldier of the Revolution, serving during portions of seven years in a number of Pennsylvania companies and dying at Lisbon, Ohio, in 1832.

John Scroggs, Jr., was a hatter, which trade he followed at Lisbon and Canton, Ohio, and afterward at Bucyrus, to which place he removed in 1839 and settling on the site of the present residence of the subject of this sketch. Here he resided until his death in 1861, having lived not an eventful life but one which won for him the highest respect of all who knew him. After his death his widow made her home with her only living daughter, Mrs. W. T. Giles, until her death in 1882, at the ripe age of 86 years. Both Mr. and Mrs. Scroggs were lifelong and faithful members of the

Methodist Episcopal church, and the present beautiful edifice in Bucyrus contains memorial windows in their honor.

They were the parents of seven children: Joseph R., who died in Freeport, Ill., unmarried, in 1867, a newspaper man by profession and a prominent Mason and Odd Fellow. William M., for two terms county auditor, who married Miss Margaret Byron in 1849 and died at Bucyrus in 1874, leaving a widow and two children, all since deceased; Jacob, father of the subject of this sketch; Mary, wife of W. T. Giles, one of the newspaper men of the West, who died at Freeport, Ill., in 1898, his wife having passed away in 1889, leaving two children—W. S., a railway mail clerk, and Mira L., a teacher in the Chicago schools, who died in 1904; Mira, wife of C. W. Butterfield, died at Bucyrus, O., in 1859; Amanda, who died young; John B., a prominent lawyer of Kansas City, Kas., where he died in 1899, leaving behind him a widow and three step-children.

Jacob Scroggs father of Charles Jacob, was born in Canton, O., Aug. 11, 1827. He attended the frontier schools in his boyhood and also learned his father's trade, but finding it uncongenial employment, he taught school for five terms, worked on the local newspapers and in clerical positions in the court house. He held a clerk's position in Toledo for a year and also traveled a year for Winthrop Smith & Co., the predecessors of the American Book Co. He then applied himself to the study of the law under the direction of Judge Hall and D. W. Swigert, and was graduated at the Cincinnati Law School in 1854. In the following year he opened an office in Bucyrus, where for 40 years he occupied an honored position at the Crawford county bar. His character as a lawyer has been well summed up in the following words: "Never sanctioning the sharp practice which too many consider a necessary concomitant of the practice of law, others had more success than he in making a jury believe 'the worse were the better cause;' but in profound knowledge of the law, fine reasoning powers, and in that integrity of character which enabled and compelled him on occasion to fearlessly tell a client he was in the wrong, he stood easily in the front rank." From the memorial to him adopted by

the Ohio State Bar Association we extract the following:

"Upon his fair name the breath of suspicion never dared to rest. His word was a bond that was never forfeited and his rugged manhood commanded confidence and won respect from all. With few early advantages, he made himself, by industry and energy, a peer of the ablest lawyers of the state, a man of liberal education, broad views and affluent circumstances. He was held in universal esteem by men of all parties throughout the city, the county and the state."

Jacob Scroggs was an active Republican in politics, which circumstance prevented him from ever holding high office, Crawford county being strongly Democratic. He served, however, as mayor of Bucyrus for four years and for twelve years was a member of the board of education, for ten years of that time being its president; and for nine years his name was upon both tickets. He was a presidential elector in 1864 and again in 1880, was the Republican candidate for circuit judge in 1884, and two years later was an unsuccessful candidate for the Republican nomination for supreme judge.

On Sept. 22, 1859, Jacob Scroggs was united in marriage with Julia A. Walwork, who was born in Philadelphia, Pa., Aug. 4, 1833. She was a daughter of Thomas and Mary (Stephens) Walwork, the former a native of England and the latter of Glen Falls, N. Y., her mother's family tracing their descent from the early Puritan settlers. She became a school teacher at the early age of fourteen, teaching first near Syracuse, N. Y., and she held a life certificate empowering her to teach in any school in New York state. In 1855 she went to Georgia as a teacher, but her anti-slavery views caused her to return north in 1857. Coming to Bucyrus, she had charge of the high school here, holding that position until three years after her marriage, the rest of her life being devoted to her home, family and friends. She was a highly successful teacher and was a prominent factor in the social and intellectual life of the city, although virtually confined to her home as an invalid for many years before her death, which took place July 23, 1901. She had survived her

husband several years, he having passed away March 23, 1897.

Charles Jacob Scroggs, whose nativity has been already given, was the only child of his parents. He was educated by his mother and in the public schools, from which he was graduated in 1877 at the age of fourteen, being the youngest graduate on record. He attended Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware, O., one year, after which he took a four years' course at Michigan University, Ann Arbor, graduating at that institution in 1884 with the degree of A. M., being one of seven in a class of 90 to receive the master's degree instead of the customary A. B. Two years later he was graduated at the Cincinnati Law School with the degree of LL. B., and since then has been actively engaged in the practice of his profession at Bucyrus, being associated with his father until the latter's death and since then with his present partner, Mr. Wallace L. Monnett. He has inherited many of his father's characteristics and as a safe, accurate advisor, particularly in matters of commercial and corporation law, he is excelled by none in the county. He has also been actively identified with the business life of the community. He was one of the organizers of the Bucyrus Loan and Building Association, of which he has been attorney and director since its inception, and he helped to organize and is one of the directors of the Home Mutual Fire Association.

Mr. Scroggs is an independent Republican in politics, his independence being so marked that he has never affiliated with the regular party organization or been a candidate for office, and the only public position he has ever filled has been vice-president of the sinking fund commission, a place he has had since the adoption of the municipal code of 1903. In this capacity he at once on the organization of the board, insisted that the bank handling their account should pay the city interest on daily balances, and it is largely through his agitation and effort that all public funds of the county are now deposited with the banks paying the highest interest, instead of, as formerly, being left in favored banks without compensation.

Mr. Scroggs is a Free Mason of high standing, his official record in that order being as

follows: W. M., Trinity Lodge, No. 556, 1906-7; H. P. Bucyrus Chapter No. 160, 1908-9; T. I. M., Gwynn Council, No. 83, 1902-3; W. P. Bucyrus Chapter, No. 3, Order Eastern Star, 1905. He is also a member of Marion Commandery, No. 36, K. T.; Ohio Consistory A. A. S. R., and Al Koran Temple N. M. S. He is also a Past Chancellor of Demas Lodge No. 108, K. of P. and under Grand Chancellor Young was his deputy for the sixteenth Pythian district, composed of Crawford, Seneca and Wyandot counties; was a charter member of Bucyrus Lodge, No. 156, B. P. O. E., and is a life member of the Grand Lodge of that order. He also takes an active interest in the Sons of the American Revolution and has been one of the board of managers of its Ohio Society and was a delegate to the national congress of the order in 1901. He is also a man of strong literary tastes and has one of the finest private libraries in Bucyrus.

He was married on June 5, 1912 to Miss Mary E. Zouck, eldest daughter of the late Peter G. and Mary E. (Myers) Zouck, of Baltimore, Md. Her father was born at Trenton, Baltimore county, May 31, 1846 being of French Huguenot descent; was educated at Gettysburg College, of which in later life, he was a trustee, and during most of his adult life was a prominent figure in the business circles of Baltimore and Baltimore county, being an extensive dealer in lime, lumber and other contractor's supplies. He was also one of the most prominent lay members of that branch of the Lutheran church commonly spoken of as the "English Lutheran" being a frequent delegate to its general synod and serving on a number of its boards. He died at Glen Morris, Baltimore county, Nov. 19, 1906. His wife was a native of Hanover, Pa., and is of "Pennsylvania German" and Virginian ancestry, being a daughter of Col. David Myers, whose mother was a second cousin of General Washington; and a great granddaughter of Col. Henry Schlegel of Revolutionary fame.

SIDNEY ELLSWORTH KIESS, a general farmer who has been very successful in his agricultural operations, resides on his own farm of eighty acres and is interested with his

father in 160 acres, both properties lying in Whetstone township, Crawford county, O. He was born in Whetstone township, July 25, 1868, and is a son of Simeon and Catherine (Kile) Kiess.

Simeon Kiess was born in Lycoming county, Pa., a son of Jacob and Catherine Kiess, of German extraction, and for many years was a farmer in Whetstone township and now lives retired at Bucyrus. He is a Democrat in his political views and both he and wife are members of the Evangelical church. He married Catherine Kile, who was born in Whetstone township, a daughter of Tobias and Catherine Kile, and they have three children: Sidney E.; Harvey E., who is cashier of the Farmers and Citizens Bank, Bucyrus; and Verne E., who is a farmer in Whetstone township.

Sidney E. Kiess attended the public schools and assisted his father on the home farm until he was 22 years of age and afterward engaged in farming for himself. In 1900, in partnership with his father, he bought 160 acres of the old Elias Lavelly farm and in the spring of 1911, purchased the remaining eighty acres. This is considered a fine property, the land being well situated for both farming and stock raising and improved with substantial buildings including two houses and two barns. Mr. Kiess is an intelligent and progressive farmer, a member of the local Grange, and he is also one of the leading Democrats of the township and served for seven years as township trustee.

On Jan. 29, 1891, Mr. Kiess was married to Miss Amanda M. Cook, a daughter of Fred and Rosanna (Wagner) Cook. They were both born in Lycoming county, Pa., their parents being George and Margaret Cook and John and Catherine Wagner, and they now live retired at Bucyrus and are members of the Evangelical church. They have three children: Mrs. Kiess; Harvey W., who is a farmer in Whetstone township; and Earl E., who is assistant cashier of the Second National Bank at Bucyrus. Mr. and Mrs. Kiess have two interesting children, a son and daughter, Harold Raymond, who was born Nov. 29, 1901, and Kathryn Rose, who was born June 13, 1910. They attend the Evangelical church. Mr. Kiess is one of the township's substantial as well as reliable citizens and is

a stockholder in the Farmers and Citizens Bank at Bucyrus.

PETER L. BASH, general farmer and stock raiser, whose excellent farm of 140 acres is situated four miles west of Bucyrus, O., in Holmes township, Crawford county, was born in Liberty township, Crawford county, Feb. 9, 1856. He is a son of Peter and Susannah (Cover) Bash.

Peter Bash was born in Pennsylvania and there grew to manhood. When he started out for himself he came to Ohio and afterward made his home in Liberty township, and Holmes township, Crawford county, where he died when aged 80 years. He was a well known man in his day, a successful farmer and a worthy citizen in every respect. He married Susannah Cover, who was also a native of Pennsylvania, and they had ten children born to them, three of whom died in infancy. Samuel and Jacob are farmers living in Indiana. Mary, who is now deceased, was the wife of Jacob Seibert. Elizabeth is the wife of William Poister, of Holmes township. Rebecca is the wife of Willis Noblet of Wyandot county, O. Peter L. was the sixth in order of birth. Susannah is the wife of S. A. McBride and they live in Indiana.

Peter L. Bash was one year old when his parents moved to Holmes township and here he went to school and afterward became a teacher. He taught five winter terms in Holmes township and two terms in Tod township and then settled down to farming the homestead, which he subsequently bought and has always made his home here. His father had kept the place in good condition, having cleared the land when he first settled on it, and with the exception of building a new barn, Mr. Bash has not had to add improvements except those which all good farmers provide who take a pride in their possessions.

Peter L. Bash was married in 1883, to Miss Laura Miller, who died in 1892, a daughter of Samuel and Mary Miller. Mr. Bash has four children, namely: Floy, who is the wife of Carl Harvey, living in Holmes township; Orlo R., who married Flora Mutchler and lives in Tod township, having one son, Cecil; Roy E., who married Ethel Kimbel and lives with his father; and Russell D., who is a student in the

township schools where he is making fine progress, having successfully passed the Boxwell examination. Mr. Bash and family attend the United Brethren church which is situated just north of the homestead. He is a Democrat in politics and has served on the township school board very usefully and for two terms was township assessor.

HARRY A. PAXTON,* proprietor of the Paxton Garage, located at Nos. 310-12 South Sandusky street, Bucyrus, has been in business here since 1907, having succeeded the firm of Rosina Bros., who founded the concern in 1905. Mr. Paxton was born at Iberia, Morrow county, O., July 1, 1875 and obtained his education in the public schools.

Mr. Paxton was married in this city to learned his trade at Fostoria, O., in the great Seneca Machine shops. Afterward he was connected with the Shunk Plow Company, at Bucyrus, with which house he continued for ten years and during this time became well acquainted with the people of Bucyrus and the business prospects in this city. Since taking charge of his present quarters he has increased his floor space to three times the original extent, now having 16,800 feet, the building being of concrete and steel construction, favorably located within two blocks of the public square. He has room for the display of 45 cars and his plant is equipped with a paint house and a machine shop. He has shown himself a shrewd and reliable business man and is prospering.

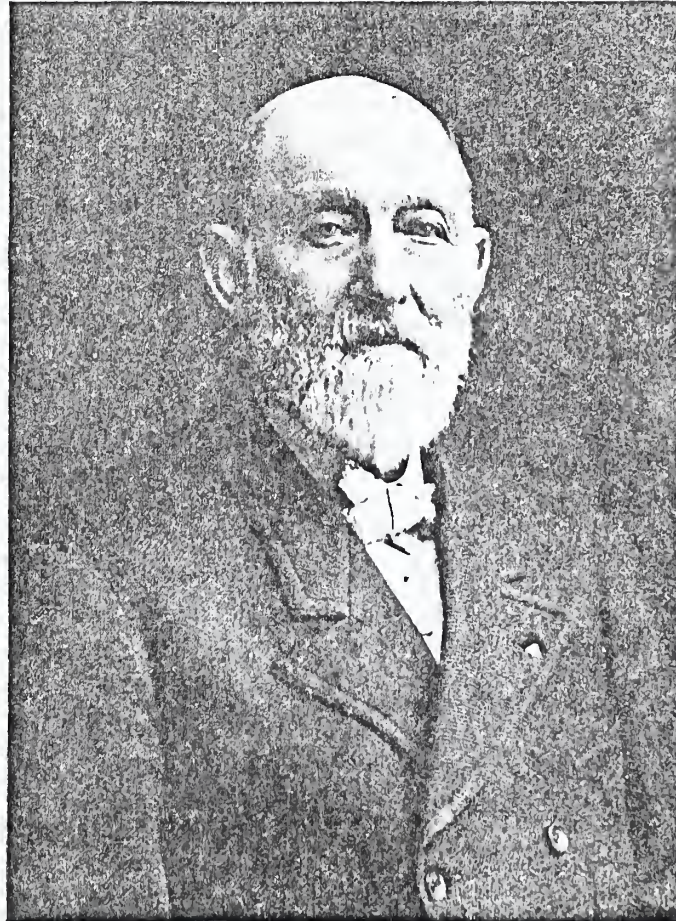
Mr. Paxton was married in this city to Miss Laura N. Rosina, who was born and educated here, and they have one daughter, Jessie R., who was born Dec. 29, 1903. In politics Mr. Paxton is a Republican. Fraternally he belongs to the Elks, Modern Woodmen and the Masons, in the last named organization belonging to the Blue Lodge, Chapter and Council, all at Bucyrus.

ANDREW MCINTIRE RUMER was born near Rockland, in Newcastle county, Del., Oct. 19, 1836, and comes of an old family that was established at Whitely Creek Hundred prior to the Revolutionary War. His father was James Rumer, his grandfather was John Rumer and his great-grandfather was Henry Rumer.

Henry Rumer came to the American colonies from Germany before the Revolutionary struggle and secured the equivalent of a whole township of land in Delaware, where he lived into old age. John Rumer, son of Henry, was a man well educated for that day and taught school and utilized a cherry desk which his grandson now prizes and keeps in repair, this heirloom being at least 150 years old. John Rumer served in the War of 1812 and seems to have been a man of considerable prominence, for years collecting the state taxes and serving in other offices. He married Ellen Emma McGlade, who was born in Ireland but was of Scotch-Irish ancestry. They were among the early members of the Presbyterian church in their section. Their entire family of nine children survived to maturity and all, with the exception of James Rumer, who died at the age of 71 years, lived to be more than 80 years of age. All married and left descendants except Henry, who succumbed to the injuries received in the Mexican War, a short time after his return from the same.

James Rumer, the eldest born of the children of John and Ellen Emma Rumer, was born about 1800, in Delaware, and died at the home of his son Andrew. His life had been an agricultural one and probably he owned slaves to assist in the developing of his lands. He was a Democrat in politics but never accepted public office. James Rumer married Eleanor Biddle, who was born in Newcastle county, in 1811, and died in 1867, when aged 56 years. She was reared by Presbyterian parents, who were rigid church disciplinarians. Nine children were born to James and Eleanor Rumer, two of whom died in infancy. Seven grew to mature years and married and the six survivors all reside in Ohio.

Andrew McIntire Rumer was the second born in the above family and the eldest son, and was reared in Delaware. His educational opportunities were meagre and as soon as old enough he learned the stone cutting and stone mason trades, and in 1856 entered the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company and was engaged in construction work for them when the Civil War broke out. He soon decided to enter the army and on May 26, 1862, enlisted, entering Co. H, 130th Pa. Vol. Inf.,



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as quartermaster sergeant, and was mustered out May 23, 1863. He re-enlisted, Feb. 1864, and was a second time honorably discharged and mustered out Oct. 8, 1865. For some time his battery had been stationed in front of Petersburg, Va., and was at Fort Spring Hill when General Lee surrendered to General Grant. Although Mr. Rumer saw hard service and very often was in positions of the gravest danger, he was permitted to escape without injury although a heavy toll was exacted from his regiment at Antietam and at Bloody Angle.

After his return from the war, Mr. Rumer soon became connected with the construction department of the Western Division of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, and was placed in charge of all work calling for the use of brick or stone. In 1880, when he came to the T. & O. Railroad, he located at Bucyrus and from then until 1908 was a contractor with this road, at the head of the contracting firm of A. M. Rumer & Co. 1909 Mr. Rumer retired from business and his son, Charles Victor Dupont Rumer, succeeded to the business, which he now carries on at Columbus, O. Mr. Rumer continues to be interested in it as a director and he has other large interests, including the Fulton Stone Company, in Morrow county and owns the Corning Stone Quarry, in Perry county, O. During the winter seasons Mr. Rumer and family live at Bucyrus, but in the summer time they retire to a beautiful farm of 118 acres, which Mrs. Rumer owns in Portage county, O.

Mr. Rumer was married in Richland county, O., to Miss Susan J. Cope, who was born in 1843 and was reared and educated at Mansfield, O. She is a daughter of John and Eliza C. (Stough) Cope, who were natives of Pennsylvania and came from there to Ohio in the thirties and settled in the vicinity of Mansfield. John Cope became a man of large means and was an extensive farmer and stock raiser. His death occurred at the age of 48 years, while his widow survived to be 54 years old. They were worthy people and were members of the German Lutheran church. Nine children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Rumer, namely: Frank Llewelyn, who resides at Corpus Christi, Texas, and who married Harriet Sagar and has three

children—Margaret Lucile, John Andrew and Norma Ray; Charles Victor Dupont, who married Rose Eichman, of Bucyrus. These two sons are the only survivors. Charles V. D. Rumer is a thirty-second degree Mason and a Shriner, while Mr. Rumer is also an equally advanced Mason. The latter belongs to the Blue Lodge, Chapter and Council at Bucyrus, to the Toledo Commandery and to the Shrine at Cleveland and is a life member and past high priest of Maumee Commandery. In other fraternal bodies he has also been prominent, having been identified with the Odd Fellows for 35 years and is past noble grand in that order; is a member of the Eastern Star, the Royal Order of Scotland, the Elks and the Knights of Pythias. Mrs. Rumer belongs also to the Eastern Star and is past matron and also grand chaplain of the Grand Chapter; belongs also to the order of Rebecca and for some years has been a member of the Ladies' Relief Corps. She is well known in philanthropic movements here and is very active as a member of the church missionary and aid society.

Mr. Rumer is a valued member of Kelley Post, G. A. R., at Bucyrus and takes part in its deliberations and is deeply concerned in the pending legislation in reference to veterans of the Civil War. His political attitude has always been in accord with the Republican party, but he has always felt too much occupied with business affairs to feel at liberty to accept public office which has many times been tendered him. Frequently he has given advice and has willingly cooperated in furthering public spirited enterprises here.

W. L. SPRINGER, who resides on his birthplace farm, a tract of eighty acres, which lies in section 26, Cranberry township, Crawford county, Ohio, belongs to an old Ohio family which was established here in pioneer days. Mr. Springer was born on this farm October 23, 1877, and is the son of Samuel S. and Annie M. (Tobin) Springer.

Samuel S. Springer was born near Big Hill, in Richland county, Ohio, where he grew to manhood and later settled one mile southeast of New Washington, and after marriage settled on the farm above described which he completed clearing. Here he lived the life of

a busy farmer until his last sickness, his death occurring Feb. 2, 1899, and his burial was in the Goodwill cemetery. After his death his widow continued for a time to carry on the farm and still resides here. Mr. Springer was an honorable and upright man and was widely known. He was a good citizen and did not seek public office but performed his duties according to his conscience and judgment. Nominally he was a Democrat but before death had become much interested in the Prohibition party. He married Annie M. Tobin, a daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth Tobin, and four children were born to them: Mrs. Etta Miller, who lives at Decatur, Ind.; Mrs. Zella May Nye, who is a resident of Auburn township, Crawford county; Mrs. Alma Ackerman, who lives in Cranberry township; and W. L., who has leased the homestead. The parents of the above family reared their children in the beliefs of the Methodist Episcopal church.

In going to school and in helping on the home farm, and in taking part in the pleasant social life of his neighborhood, Mr. Springer passed from boyhood into youth and manhood and then settled down to the serious business of cultivating his acres with successful results. He has a near market at New Washington, which is but four miles distant in a northwesterly direction. General farming is engaged in and Mr. Springer raises his own stock and fruit.

On Sept. 27, 1901, Mr. Springer was married to Miss Edna Grace Bruce, who was born in Auburn township, Crawford county, a daughter of Robert and Jane (Keller) Bruce, the latter of whom died when Mrs. Springer was 11 years old. Mr. and Mrs. Springer have had three children: a babe that died unnamed; Elsworth, who is a school boy of nine years; and Roberta, who is in her seventh year. Mr. and Mrs. Springer are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, of which he is a trustee and is also secretary of the church board. In his political views he is a Democrat.

MISS LOUISE HOFSTETTER. After devoting practically her whole life to educational work at Galion, O., it is a matter of justifiable pride to Miss Hofstetter to be able to number among her former pupils so many

who have attained prominence in their various careers, and also to recognize the great advancement made in educational standards in the Galion schools since she, figuratively, put her girlish shoulder to the task of turning the wheel of progress. She was born at Galion and this city has been her continuous home. She is a daughter of Charles Hofstetter and a granddaughter of Jacob Hofstetter, who was the founder of the family in America.

Jacob Hofstetter was born in Germany and was married there to Louise Holz, who died in Germany, leaving children. Jacob Hofstetter was married a second time in Germany and with this wife and his children, came to America in 1847 and later reached Galion, O. His second wife died here and he married one more and died here in old age.

Charles Hofstetter was born Nov. 22, 1827, at Grossestadt, Baden, Germany, a son of Jacob and Louise (Holz) Hofstetter. He accompanied his father to the United States and to Galion, O., but soon afterward went to Mansfield, where he became a clerk in a hardware store and remained until 1857, when he returned to Galion and started the first hardware store in the place, in that same year erecting his own building at No. 104 East Main street, one of the early brick structures that still remain suitable for business purposes. He remained in the hardware business for seven years and then accepted a position as traveling salesman for a large firm and afterward came back to Galion and went into the wholesale wine and liquor business and in this connection compounded and put on the market a medicinal preparation under his own name that had a wide sale and became a standard remedy. He was a foremost man in many lines of activity and very public spirited and during the long siege of the Civil War when so much hardship was entailed on the families of the soldiers at the front, he was generous and resourceful in providing for their necessities. He was a charter member of both the Masons and Odd Fellows at Galion and until the close of life remained active workers in these organizations. After a long, useful and honorable life he passed away at Galion, April 5, 1872.

On April 2, 1858, Mr. Hofstetter was married at Galion, to Miss Lena Kraft, who was

born in this city, Oct. 22, 1840, in a house standing in sight of the present city hall, which ground had been cleared of timber by her father, John Kraft, who was born in Prussian Germany and came young to the United States and located at Galion, O., where he married Margaret Ichhorn, who was a native of Baden, Germany. In 1854, Mr. Kraft built what was known as the Galion Brewery. He built his first home, a log house, where now stand the city public buildings, in 1836. He was one of the founders of the German Reformed church here and his daughter, Mrs. Hofstetter, has always been a member of this religious body, and remembers many occasions when the preachers were hospitably entertained by her parents.

To Charles Hofstetter and wife the following children were born: Louise; John F., who is a resident of Cleveland; Catherine, who is in the millinery business at Crestline; Lena, who is the wife of Charles Knight, of Galion, and has two children; Naoma L., who is the wife of Aldon Metheany, who is in the insurance business at Galion, and Lorin C.

Miss Louise Hofstetter was graduated from the Galion High School in 1876 and in 1877 began teaching school and has taught continuously at Galion ever since. Her circle of acquaintance takes in old and young and the affectionate regard in which she is held in many homes is indicated by the title of Aunt Lou, given by those who have been the objects of her affectionate care and instruction for so long a time. Miss Hofstetter and the other members of the family, are all communicants of the Reformed church.

GILBERT FERRIS MALCOLM, a prosperous farmer, who is now serving in his third term as trustee of the township, is the owner of 275 acres of good farm land in Dallas and Bucyrus townships. He was born in Bucyrus township, this county, April 29, 1865, a son of James Harvey and Eley (Monnett) Malcolm. His grandparents were James Harvey and Elizabeth Malcolm, and his great grandfather on the paternal side, who was also named James, was an aide to General Scott in the War of 1812 and fell in the battle of Lundy's Lane, being buried on the battlefield.

James H. Malcolm, father of our subject,

was born Oct. 18, 1827, in Ulster county, N. Y. He lived on a farm and attended district school. His father dying and leaving him to fight the battle of life alone, he found employment in a mill, where he worked morning and evening to pay his board, while he attended school during the day. In the summer he worked on a farm. At the age of 16 he commenced buying cattle for his brother and was thus employed for about three years, his brother being one of the first to slaughter and send quartered beef down the Hudson to the New York markets. He next went to Washington, where he engaged in selling beef by the quarter, which occupation he followed for five years. During this time he formed the acquaintance of some of the leading stock dealers of the Sandusky Plains, among whom were the Monnetts. In 1851 he went to California, taking the water route, the voyage occupying 36 days. While there he purchased a tract of land in the Santa Clara valley and kept a ranch for one year, then selling it at a fair profit. He then located on the river 20 miles below Sacramento City, on the great Vine ranch and here turned his attention to the raising of vegetables. A large portion of his crops were ruined, however, by an overflow of the river. In the winter of 1854 he returned to New York, where he resumed the handling of cattle.

In June, 1856, he came to Bucyrus and engaged in buying and feeding cattle, in partnership with George Roberts. This business union lasted three years and was productive of fair success. He then continued in the stock business alone, and rented the Abraham Monnett "Mud Run" farm for one year, when he bought the homestead portion, consisting of 360 acres, living here nine years and adding 300 acres in 1868. In May, 1878, he removed to Bucyrus to educate his children. His wife, to whom he was married Nov. 4, 1862, was in maidenhood Eley Monnett, a daughter of A. Monnett of Marion county, O. Their children are Catherine E., wife of Mitchell Aye; Gilbert F., subject of this sketch; and Ella M., wife of Dr. Kock at Bucyrus. Mr. and Mrs. James H. Malcolm were members of the M. E. church, which Mr. Malcolm served as trustee and steward.

Gilbert Ferris Malcolm in his boyhood at-

tended the common schools of Bucyrus township and was brought up on the farm acquiring a good knowledge of agricultural methods. In course of time he acquired land of his own, as already described, and is now engaged successfully in general farming. He also deals extensively in mules, both buying and selling them. He owns a Percheron stallion, Cardan; also a Belgium stallion, Eclatant, and one road stallion, Bert Wilks. In politics he is a Republican, and the fact that he is now serving in his third term as township trustee shows that he has gained the confidence of his fellow citizens and is a man of recognized ability in business affairs.

Mr. Malcolm was married Feb. 18, 1897, to Elizabeth Hinamon, of Marion county, whose father is Frederick Hinamon, a farmer of that county. Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm attend Scioto Chapel.

ANSON WICKHAM, attorney at law at Bucyrus, O., and president of the Bar Association of Crawford county, has been prominent in his profession for many years, during the larger number of which he has been a resident of Bucyrus.

He was born on a farm in Crawford county in June, 1849, and grew to manhood thereon. He is a son of Willard and Phoebe (Pennington) Wickham, the father being a native of New York and of English ancestry. The mother was from Virginia, being of Irish and German ancestry. They had a family of seven children.

Anson Wickham attended the district schools and later attended the University of Otterbein where he was graduated in May, 1873. In July following he began the study of the law in the office of Scott & Harris of Bucyrus, O., a leading law firm of northwestern Ohio, and on the 18th day of September, 1875, was admitted to the bar at Kenton, Ohio. He thereupon began the practice of the law at Bucyrus and has continued to practice there ever since. Shortly after he began the practice of the law he was appointed city solicitor and served for some time in that capacity and subsequently elected prosecuting attorney of Crawford county, in which exacting office he served six years. Mr. Wickham has always been an active and use-

ful citizen and has lent his influence to all measures for the public good.

In May, 1893, Mr. Wickham was married to Catharine Shellhase who was born in Prussia. Her parents emigrated to this country when Catharine was of tender years and settled in Jefferson township, Crawford county, where she resided until the decease of her parents which occurred in 1886-7, after which she moved to the city of Bucyrus. For the past few years Mr. and Mrs. Wickham have been practically living under the eaves of the courthouse.

JOHN EDGAR GIBSON, general farmer and substantial citizen of Whetstone township, Crawford county, O., was born on his present farm of 80 acres, all in one tract, Dec. 31, 1859, and is a son of John and Mary (Kerr) Gibson.

John Gibson was born in Franklin county, Pa., a son of George and Hannah (Buchannon) Gibson, and came to Crawford county as a young man and entered the farm which is still called the John Gibson place. He became a prominent man in Whetstone township, served many years as a justice of the peace and in other offices especially those connected with educational advancement. He was also a leader in all moral movements, a strict Presbyterian and frequently visited over the county in order to encourage the establishing of Sunday schools. He was married (first) to Martha Mathews, who left one daughter at death, Martha, who married William Gregg and is now deceased. His second marriage was to Mary Kerr, who was born also in Pennsylvania, a daughter of Andrew and Margaret (Campbell) Kerr, and to this union the following children were born: Margaret Ann, now deceased, was the wife of John Campbell, deceased; Hannah, who was twice married, first to Andrew R. Walker and second to Peter Helfrick, surviving both and now residing at Bucyrus; Andrew H., who married Lettie J. Campbell; George B., who married Hattie Shroll; Mary Belle, who is deceased; James M., a practicing physician at Suffolk, Va., who is a graduate of Columbus Medical College, and who married Rachel Stewart; Emma Aline, deceased, who was the wife of William Stewart; John Edgar; Charles

E., who married Ella Woods; and Della J. and Leaffa L. Charles E. and his two younger sisters had collegiate advantages, attending the Central Ohio College at Iberia, and Della J. was also a student at the National Normal School at Lebanon, O.

John Edgar Gibson attended the public school and has devoted himself to agricultural pursuits and has remained on the homestead where his two youngest sisters also live. Mr. Gibson and sisters attend the Presbyterian church. In politics he is a Republican as was his father, and has served one term as a member of the school board. This family is known all over the county and is held in high regard.

WILLIAM F. HOOVER, whose valuable farm of 115 acres lies three miles west of Bucyrus, O., was born on this place, July 27, 1872, and has spent his life there engaged in farming and stock raising. His parents were Jacob and Fredericka (Haffner) Hoover.

Jacob Hoover was one of the best known and most highly respected citizens of Holmes township, Crawford county, O. He was born in Wittenberg, Germany, came to the United States in 1851 at the age of 19 years and settled in Crawford county, where he died July 7, 1900, having spent all his life in this county after emigrating to this country. This section of the county was a wilderness when he came here, he securing his land in Holmes township, in 1868. Where now stands Roher's planing mill was a burnt over tract with stumps left and where other industries are now carried on was still forest, swamp and brush. For three years after reaching Crawford county he lived at Bucyrus and afterward for a time on another tract and then secured the present homestead, which he cleared and built the residence that still serves. He married Fredericka Haffner, who was born in Germany and came to the United States when 14 years of age. Ten children were born to them, the survivors being: Mrs. Elizabeth Mollenkopf, who is a resident of Galion, O.; Mrs. Martha Quaintance, who lives at Bucyrus; Mary, who lives with her brother, William F., on the home place; and Mrs. Minnie McGarry, who is a resident of Cleveland, O.

William F. Hoover obtained his education in the public schools of Holmes township and has devoted all his mature life to carrying on

his agricultural activities. He has brought the land to a fine state of cultivation and has made many substantial improvements here. Mr. Hoover keeps well informed concerning all that goes on in the world and does his full duty as a citizen in local matters. In his political views he is a Republican. Mr. Hoover has never married.

WEBSTER H. SPROUT,* who is engaged in the confectionery and ice cream business at No. 124 South Sandusky street, Bucyrus, O., since 1902, has conducted a first class establishment of this kind here and has one of the best equipped confectionery stores in the city. He was born at Fostoria, O., in 1884, and is a son of David and a grandson of Samuel Sprout.

David Sprout, who resides at Fostoria, O., an honored veteran of the Civil war, now in his 77th year, was born in Ohio, a son of Samuel and Mary (Good) Sprout. Samuel Sprout was a farmer in Seneca county during almost his entire life. David was one of a family of 11 children, of whom six sons and three daughters are yet living. He served through the Civil war as a member of the 49th O. Vol. Inf., and suffered imprisonment in Libby prison. He is a member of the G. A. R. Post at Houston, O. For some 50 years he operated a sawmill in Seneca county. He was married there to Ella Rosenberger, a daughter of David Rosenberger, formerly the owner of a large farm in Seneca county. David Sprout and wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church as were their parents. The following children were born to them: Minnie, Marcella, Louis, Webster H. and Harry. Minnie is the wife of Rev. Arthur Chenneworth, a minister of the Methodist Episcopal faith. He is at the head of the Methodist Publishing House in the Philippine Islands and is postmaster and leading man of the town in which he lives. They have two sons. Marcella is the wife of Frank B. Kiebble, of the large dry goods house of Kiebble, Wilson & Co., of Fostoria. They have one son. Louis is a machinist and is employed at Fostoria. He married Maude Good and they have children. Harry is engaged at Fostoria with the mercantile house of Kiebble, Wilson & Co.

Webster H. Sprout was educated at Fos-

toria and there learned the confectioner's business and is a practical worker and does all of his own manufacturing of dainties with the exception of chocolates. For a short time before coming to Bucyrus he was in business at Postoria. He is in the enjoyment of a liberal patronage and his special confections have quite a reputation and large sale.

Mr. Sprout was married at Van Wert, O., Jan. 19, 1901, to Miss Nellie Cupp, who was born and educated in that place. She is a daughter of Peter B. and Edith (Penn) Cupp, the former of whom was born at Ashland and the latter at Zanesville, O. Mrs. Cupp was a daughter of John Penn, who was directly descended from the great Quaker settler of Pennsylvania. He came early to Van Wert, O., and conducted a furniture business there for many years. Peter B. Cupp and wife were married there and still live on the old Penn property on Jefferson street, Mr. Cupp succeeding to the John Penn furniture business. He is now retired. Mrs. Sprout is the youngest of their four children, the others being: Cuta, wife of F. M. Gorham, of Mansfield, O.; Clara, wife of W. C. Terrill, a confectionery dealer at Upper Sandusky, they having two daughters; and Charles, a confectionery dealer at Postoria, who married Grace Doe. The father of Mrs. Sprout has a fine military record, having served all through the Civil war in the 49th O. Vol. Inf., and suffered imprisonment in Libby prison. On one notable occasion, single-handed, he captured thirteen Confederate soldiers. Mr. Sprout is a member of Demas Lodge, No. 108, Knights of Pythias, the Elks and Jr. O. U. A. M.

ISAAC SHEARER, whose death in November, 1907, removed from earth's scenes one of Dallas township's substantial and respected citizens, was born in Crawford county, O., in 1847, a son of John and Catherine (Miller) Shearer. John Shearer, who was a son of Michael and Barbara Shearer, was born in Lancaster county, Pa., and his active years were devoted to farming. His wife Catherine, the mother of Isaac, was born in Germany and came to America when a child of six years. Both are now deceased and their remains rest in the Shearer cemetery in Whetstone township. Mr. Shearer and his

family attended the German Reformed church. Their children were David, Benjamin, George, Isaac, Samuel, Mary and Daniel, the four last named being now deceased.

Isaac Shearer was educated in the common schools and became a practical farmer, owning at the time of his death 177 acres of good land, which now belongs to his heirs. He was a Democrat politically and attended the Evangelical church at Bucyrus. He was married in November, 1872, to Vesta Elmira Shellenberger, who was born in Mahoning county, O., a daughter of John and Rachel (Paulin) Shellenberger of that county. Of this marriage the children born were Charles Wesley, Milford Guy, Franklin Abraham, and two that died in infancy. Three brothers of our subject are still living—David, Benjamin and George; two—Samuel and Daniel—are deceased, and a sister died when quite young. The family is one well known in Crawford county, there being various members scattered throughout the different townships, and all are in general industrious, thrifty and substantial people, worthy members of the communities in which they reside.

FREDERICK J. PHELPS,* a well known citizen of Bucyrus, O., who has been associated with the firm of Nassbaum & Bach, leading clothiers of this city, since 1894, comes of New England ancestry. His parents were Andrew Henry and Helen Phelps, and his grandfather was Julius Phelps on the maternal side and Frederick Phelps on the paternal side. Andrew Henry Phelps was born at East Hamden, Mass., and died at Ann Arbor, Mich., Nov. 20, 1910, aged 69 years. He was a stationary engineer. In 1885 he had moved to Ann Arbor, after the death of his wife in 1882, four children surviving—Sadie, Frederick J., Frank C. and Harold A., all residents of Ann Arbor except Frederick J.

Frederick J. Phelps was reared in his native place and enjoyed excellent school advantages. The larger part of his business life has been passed at Bucyrus, where for 17 years he has been connected with his present firm, where he enjoys full confidence and has a large amount of responsibility. Mr. Phelps was married at Jackson, Mich., to Miss Clara Butler, who was born at Indianapolis, Ind.,

but was educated at Jackson. They have two children: F. Norman, who is a student in the Bucyrus high school, a member of the class of 1913, and Helen M., a little maiden of five years. In politics Mr. Phelps is a Republican and fraternally is identified with Demas Lodge, No. 108, Knights of Pythias. Mrs. Phelps is a member of the Presbyterian church.

PETER T. NEUMANN, a general farmer and leading citizen of Whetstone township, Crawford county, O., resides on a farm of 80 acres and owns a second farm, containing 20½ acres, which lies southeast of the first one. He was born Sept. 29, 1862, in Marion county, O., and is a son of Henry and Susan (Young) Neumann.

Henry Neumann and his wife were both born in Germany, and after their marriage they came to the United States and directly to Marion county, O., and both are now deceased. Henry Neumann was a wagonmaker by trade but in his later years he became a farmer. He was a Democrat in politics, and he and his wife were members of the Evangelical Lutheran church of Galion, O., until 1894, when they joined the Evangelical church at Olentangy, O. They had the following children: Jacob J., John O., Maria, George J., Peter T., Henry A., Mary A., Harmon and Anna, three of these surviving, namely: Jacob J., John O. and Peter T.

Peter T. Neumann attended the public schools and afterward Ada College for one term and then assisted his father on the home farm until he was 21 years of age. For the next five years he worked by the day and month and was careful with his earnings. For the next six years he rented farm land on shares and at the end of that time was ready to purchase a farm of his own, this transaction with Peter Beach taking place in 1896. The present buildings were all on the place but Mr. Neumann has practically rebuilt the house and has a handsome residence and attractive surroundings. For eight years he also followed threshing in partnership with his brothers. Mr. Neumann has been a very busy man all his life but notwithstanding he has found time to make experiments and develop some of his mechanical ideas into practical machin-

ery and has secured two patent rights from the government. His first patent was secured on appliances to be used on traction engines and threshing machines, and his second on a convertible hay rack, the utility of which has been recognized by a number of farmers in this township who are using them.

On Dec. 13, 1888, Mr. Neumann was married to Miss Ellen M. Beach, a daughter of Peter and Amanda Beach, now of Galion, and they have three children: Nettie M., who is the wife of Cornelius Guinther; Elmer C. and Clara Mildred. They attend the Evangelical Lutheran church at Olentangy, O., Mr. Neumann having been assistant superintendent of the Sunday-school for two years and superintendent for twelve years, and at present is one of the church trustees and treasurer of the trustees' fund. Politically he is a Democrat and has frequently been elected to responsible offices, serving five years as township clerk, two terms as road supervisor, three terms as school director and at present is ditch supervisor of Whetstone township, Crawford county, O.

J. A. BITTIKOFER, proprietor of the West Bucyrus City Dairy, at Bucyrus, O., has other city property and additionally owns 332 acres of fine farming land in Crawford county. was born in Liberty township, Crawford county, in 1860, and is a son of Frederick and Rebecca (Myers) Bittikofer.

Frederick Bittikofer was born in Switzerland and in boyhood accompanied his parents to America and assisted his father after the latter settled in Crawford county and later carried on farming for himself and also started into the dairy business, founding the industry which his son continues. He was an industrious and enterprising man but did not live into old age, his death occurring when he was in his 58th year. He married Rebecca Myers, who was born in Columbiana county, O.

J. A. Bittikofer has been in the dairy business for 28 years and has been a farmer ever since he left school. His father was the pioneer in the dairy business in this section of the county and during his lifetime operated a wagon and faithfully served patrons at Bucyrus. His son not only has continued what

his father commenced but has greatly enlarged the business, operates a wagon that requires two men to handle the trade. He has a fine location just outside the city limits and has all modern improvements and sanitary dairy appliances. Mr. Bittikofer is one of the busy men of this county, what with his dairy, operating his farm, looking after his 85 head of cattle and attending to numerous other interests which engage the time and attention of leading citizens of a community. Politically he is a Democrat but has never been a seeker for office although well qualified to fill many responsible positions, but nevertheless is a wide awake and useful citizen.

Mr. Bittikofer married Miss Ellen Tobin, and they have had six children, namely: Walter, Lee, Bessie, Mike, Florence and Esther. Mr. Bittikofer attends the Reformed church at Bucyrus, his family attending the English Lutheran church. He belongs fraternally to the M. W. A.

VORNDRAN BROS. Herman J. and Joseph A. Vorndran, who own 160 acres of well drained land, situated in section 22, Cranberry township, Crawford county, O., two and one-half miles south and east of New Washington, O., are successful farmers and stock raisers and representative men of their neighborhood.

John Vorndran, the father, was born in Bavaria, Germany, and from there he came in early manhood to Ohio. At Tiffin, in this state, he was married (first) to Rosa Barnholtzer, who was born also in Germany, and died in Ohio, when aged 40 years. She was a faithful member of the Catholic church and her burial was in the Catholic cemetery at Tiffin. She was survived by six children, namely: John, Michael, Catherine, Charles, Mary and Joseph A. John Vorndran was married (second) to Theresa, a sister of his first wife, and two children were born to them: Herman J. and Clara. Both John Vorndran and wife died at New Washington, he in 1908 and she in 1907.

Joseph A. Vorndran was born at Tiffin, O., July 26, 1872, and, with his brother, Joseph A. Vorndran, is half owner of the home farm of 160 acres. The two brothers have lived there for 15 years and have been in business together for the past three years, taking charge

when the parents died. They successfully carry on general farming and are giving special attention to sheep growing, raising from 25 to 30 head of thoroughbred Rambouillet and Merino sheep annually. They are thrifty, hard working men, good citizens in every sense of the word and highly respected wherever known. They are members of St. Bernard's Catholic church at New Washington. They have all their land under cultivation with the exception of thirty acres of woodland and pasturage for their Shorthorn cattle and Poland-China hogs, which, together with sheep raising, are profitably bred and raised here.

JOHN MARTINITZ,* a representative business man of Bucyrus, O., who owns and conducts a first class bakery on the southeast corner of the public square, was born in Wurttemberg, Germany, Jan. 24, 1875, and is a son of Andrew and Rosa (Gekler) Martinitz.

The parents of Mr. Martinitz spent their lives in Germany, where his mother died in 1887 and the father in 1904. The latter was a small farmer. They were highly respected people and members of the Lutheran church.

John Martinitz remained at home and attended school until 1893, when he decided to try his fortune in America, being the only member of the family to have this ambition. In that year he took passage at Bremen on a steamer that safely landed him in the harbor of New York and from there he came to Bucyrus and immediately set about learning the bakery trade, entering the establishment of Leander Reiger for this purpose. After completing his apprenticeship he worked for a time as a journeyman and then started a small bakery at Cary, O., which he operated until 1902, when he returned to Bucyrus and in November, 1903, established his present business in this city. He has prospered from the first and in addition to his retail establishment has his bakery plant, on Oakwood avenue, near his home on Walnut street. This plant is equipped with all kinds of modern machinery and his ovens have a capacity of 600 loaves of bread an hour, together with pies and cakes of endless variety. He takes pride in the sanitary condition of his bakery and invites inspection. While all his products are invit-



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ing and toothsome, his specialty of Sweet Home Loaf bread is particularly so.

Mr. Martinitz was married at Bucyrus, to Miss Rosa Goebelt, who was born at Baden, Germany, Nov. 28, 1878, and was two years old when her parents brought her to America and she grew up in this city. She is a daughter of John and Lena Goebelt, residents of Bucyrus. They are members of the German Reformed church. Mr. and Mrs. Martinitz have two children: Gladys Ruth, who was born in 1902, and John Carl, who was born in 1908. Mr. Martinitz is identified with the Knights of Pythias, the Eagles, the Elks and the Odd Fellows, and in the last named order is past senior warden and chief patriarch of Wyandot Encampment, at Cary, O. In politics he is nominally a Democrat but is inclined to be independent in his views on many public questions that now concern the country.

FERNANDO J. NORTON, florist, who has been established in this business at Bucyrus, O., since 1882 and since 1888 has occupied his present desirable quarters on the corner of Spring and Warren streets, is one of the representative business men of this city. He belongs to the oldest family of Bucyrus, it being his grandfather who built the first structures in the hamlet that was but a frontier settlement at that time, erecting them on his own land that he had secured from the Government. Fernando J. Norton was born in this city, Dec. 28, 1859, and is a son of Jefferson and Eleanor (Byron) Norton, and a grandson of Samuel Norton.

Samuel Norton was a very interesting figure in Crawford county history. At a very early day he came to this section of Ohio from New England and immediately recognized that the land he had acquired was beautiful as to location and ideal as a future place of homes. Before long he had his land surveyed and laid out into building lots by Col. Hilburn and when the time came to give the proposed city a name he chose the given name of a personal friend, which was Cyrus, prefixing the adjective beau, abbreviated, which indicated the beauty of the landscape, surrounded as it is by fertile plains and watered by the Sandusky River. Hence came Beau-Cyrus, then shortened to Bucyrus, a city which in every way

has justified the hopes and ambitions of its founder. He spent his remaining years here, as did his wife, Mary (Butler) Norton.

Jefferson Norton, son of Samuel and Mary (Butler) Norton, was born Feb. 22, 1824, and he too became a prominent factor in the development of the various interests of Bucyrus. When he reached manhood he embarked in the business of carriage manufacturing and continued all through his active life and for many years was also in the greenhouse business as the senior member of the firm of Norton & Elliott. Although an ardent Whig and later a Republican, he was a politician only so far as good citizenship demanded and never accepted public office. He was liberal in his contributions to public movements and to charities and was generous in his support of the Baptist church, of which he was a member. His death occurred Aug. 20, 1876. He was married at Bucyrus to Eleanor Byron, who was born in 1822, who came of a noble Irish family. Mrs. Norton died in 1878. Her parents were of the Roman Catholic faith but she was a Protestant. Six children were born to them, namely: Flora, the widow of Oswald E. Gravell, who resides at Cleveland; Charles, who resides in the far West; Byron, who is ticket agent and telegraph operator for the Rio Grande Railroad at Denver, Colo.; Hattie, the wife of Charles Wyburg, who resides at Denver; Fernando J., and one who died early.

Fernando J. Norton was educated in the schools of his native city and very early displayed a taste for his present line of work. For a time he was engaged in railroading and became a qualified engineer on the T. & O. C. Railroad. In the meanwhile his greenhouse business developed so that he found it necessary to give it his entire attention and from a mere window garden it has grown to nearly a whole city block and more than 15,000 square feet of glass. His trade is both retail and wholesale and he supplies choice plants and cut flowers for every occasion, having his greenhouses fully equipped with modern appliances.

Mr. Norton was married first to Miss Anna L. Adams, who was born near Galion, O., in October, 1850, and died at Mansfield, O., in 1910. Of their six children one died in in-

fancy. The following survive: Myrtle B., who is the wife of Dr. Joseph Daley, of Oberline, Tex.; Arthur F., who is associated in business with his father, and who has one son, Edwin; Fairy E., a graduate of Neff College, who is a teacher of elocution and conductor of the Norton Concert Company and is a matron in the order of the Eastern Star; Mable, who resides at home; and Harry James, who is with his father's business. Mr. Norton was married (second) to Miss Helen W. Roehr, a daughter of Charles Roehr, of Bucyrus, an educated and accomplished lady. Mr. and Mrs. Norton are members of the Eastern Star, in which she has been an official. Mr. Norton is a member also of Demas Lodge, Knights of Pythias; of the Royal Arcanum; is past commander in the Maccabees; is a Mason in all branches here, and belongs also to the I. O. U. A. M. and the Royal Home.

DAVID GRAHAM, who is well known as a citizen and as a judicious and successful farmer all through Crawford county, owns 197 acres of fine land situated in Bucyrus township, on which he has lived for many years. He was born in Seneca county, O., and is a son of Richard and Mary Ann (Smith) Graham.

The parents of Mr. Graham were born in Ireland and after coming to America lived in Seneca county, O., where the following children were born to them: David; Ellen, who married Christopher Bowman; Richard; Mary and Margaret, twins, the former of whom became the wife of Charles Ebel; David; John; Sarah E.; Martha, who married Monroe Underwood; and James. Richard Graham followed farming as an occupation. Both he and his wife are now deceased, their burial being in the Episcopal cemetery at Bucyrus.

With his brothers and sisters, David Graham attended the district schools in boyhood, after which, as soon as old enough, he began to take care of himself and worked by the month on farms. He thus gained a great deal of experience and finally rented a farm for three years and then bought 40 acres of his present estate to which he has added as opportunity has been presented. It requires a great deal of hard work and good management to successfully cultivate almost 200 acres but Mr. Graham accomplishes it.

On March 18, 1882, Mr. Graham was married to Miss Mary McHenry, a daughter of Caleb and Mary (Palmer) McHenry. To Mr. McHenry's first marriage the following children were born: Curtis, Emma, Milord, Mary, Esther and Joseph. To his second marriage, with Addie Rex, four children were born: Mattie, Orpha, Myland and William. To Mr. and Mrs. Graham sons and daughters have been born and some of these have established homes of their own, while others still remain under the safe old home roof with father and mother. Anna Z. married Edward Rogers. James married Cleo Wistman and they have three children: Walter, Arthur and Laverne. Richard Chloe married Belle Oberlander and they have two children: Ethel and Inez. Mildred, Kenneth, Ivan, Burt, Mary and David Elmine, live at home. The family belongs to the United Brethren church. In his political sentiments, Mr. Graham is a Republican and fraternally he is a member of the Knights of Pythias, at Bucyrus.

J. W. SPIEGEL, who resides on his well improved farm of 180 acres, which is situated six and one-half miles northwest of Bucyrus, O., in Holmes township, Crawford county, was born just one mile north and one east of his present place, in 1869, and is a son of John A. and Amanda (Miller) Spiegel.

John A. Spiegel was born in Germany and was three years old when his parents brought him to America. They came to Crawford county, O., and were among its early settlers and among its best class of citizens. John A. Spiegel followed agricultural pursuits through life, and at the time of death owned 120 acres of land northeast of this farm, which he had cleared up from the forest. He married Amanda Miller, who was born in Crawford county and they had five children, namely: Ella, who is deceased; J. W., the subject of this sketch; Edward and Winfield, both of whom live in Holmes township; and Wesley, who is deceased.

J. W. Spiegel grew up on his father's farm and obtained his education in the township schools. He has made farming his business in life, early taking charge of affairs on the home place and from there came to his present farm in 1901. The excellent improve-

ments seen on every side prove that Mr. Spiegel takes interest and pride in his home. General farming and stock raising are carried on and all the farm industries are conducted in so systematic a manner that they result profitably.

Mr. Spiegel was married to Miss Nettie Fralick, who is a daughter of Henry Fralick, who still survives, now well along in life, and lives on his farm north of here. Five children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Spiegel: Amy, Minnie, Charles, Dorothy and Hazel, all of whom survive except Hazel, who was the second born. The family attend the United Brethren church. Mr. Spiegel gives his political support to the Democratic party.

MARTIN F. SEIBEL, superintendent of the Crawford County Infirmary, Crawford county, O., and owner of 40 acres of excellent land in Jefferson township, was born in that township, March 4, 1862, and is a son of John Nicholas and Margaret (Schellhass) Seibel.

The parents of Mr. Seibel were born in Germany and came to the United States in 1846, previous to marriage. They then came immediately to Crawford county, where the father worked on farms and also in stone quarries, an industrious and reliable man. Of their family Martin F. was the youngest born. The others were: Elizabeth, who is the widow of Carl Lyon and lives at Oakland, Cal.; George, who is deceased; Philip and John, twins, the former of whom is deceased, while the latter lives at Los Angeles, Cal.

Martin F. Seibel attended school at Leesville, O., in boyhood and afterward spent two years as a student in college at Ada, O., and thus prepared himself for teaching. For 20 years Mr. Seibel taught school, for 13 of these in the country and for seven at Leesville, at which place he taught for six years in the high school. Although he was so continuously engaged with his educational duties, Mr. Seibel found time to pay some attention to farming and poultry raising and also learned the stone mason trade, engaging in this work during his summer vacations. In 1906 he retired from the educational field and also gave up work at his trade, his industry having brought him independence, and after that he gave much attention to farming and poultry raising. In

1907 he was elected president of the Farmers' Institute for a term of two years, in which body he was very active, urging progressive methods and increase of agricultural knowledge.

On March 31, 1885, Mr. Seibel was married to Miss Lucetta Ludwig, a daughter of John and Maria (Rettig) Ludwig. The father of Mrs. Seibel was born in Germany, in which country he was a shoemaker, but became a farmer after coming to Ohio. He married Maria Rettig, who was born in Seneca county, O., and both are now deceased. To Mr. and Mrs. Ludwig the following children were born: Caroline, who married Adam Hawk; John; Leonard, who is deceased; Henry; Catherine, who married Peter Bauer; Lucetta, who is the wife of Mr. Seibel; Elona J., who is the wife of Oliver Jacobs; and Ettie, who is the wife of John Fetter. Mr. and Mrs. Seibel have five children: Fern, who is the wife of Elihu Bogan; Vera Fay, who is the wife of Harvey Pfahler and has one daughter, Marie; Hazlette; George Dewey and Voyle. Mr. and Mrs. Seibel are members of the U. B. church at Bucyrus.

In politics, Mr. Seibel is a Democrat and served two terms as township clerk of Jefferson township prior to being elected superintendent of the Crawford County Infirmary, an office that was tendered him without any solicitation on his part. He is well qualified for this position of responsibility, and as a man, enjoys the confidence of his fellow citizens, irrespective of party. He has served in numerous important positions, was treasurer of the Teachers' Institute for two terms, has been trustee of the U. B. church and is president of the cemetery association. He belongs to the Patrons of Husbandry and to the Junior Order of United American Mechanics.

CHARLES VOLLMER,* a highly respected retired business man of Bucyrus, O., for many years was active both in business and in politics and served four years as sheriff of Crawford county, O. He was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, March 13, 1852, and is a son of John and Dorothy (Stahl) Vollmer.

The father and mother of Mr. Vollmer were both born in Germany, he in 1810 and she in

1818, both coming of sturdy and respected parentage. John Vollmer was a son of John Vollmer, who was a soldier in the Napoleonic wars and was one of the 1,000 brave men that marched with that mighty army to Moscow, this handful being all that finally straggled back. He survived however, to the age of 70 years and left a large family of descendants, one son yet surviving in the person of Jacob Vollmer, a venerable citizen of New Washington, O. With his brother, John Vollmer, he came to America after serving in the German Revolution of 1848.

John Vollmer (2), father of Charles Vollmer, grew to manhood in Germany and learned the family trade of miller, one that had been followed by his father and grandfather. He married and became the father of 12 children and after some of the older ones came to America, in 1868, he and wife also crossed the ocean and finally reached Crawford county, O., where the latter died in 1872, he surviving to be 80 years of age. They were German Lutherans in religious faith. Of the children who came to the United States there are but two surviving: Charles and Mrs. Louisa Fritzmeier, the latter of whom resides at New Washington, O.

Charles Vollmer was 16 years of age when he left Germany for America, with the intention of joining an older brother, John Vollmer, who had come to Ohio in 1866. The latter died at New Washington when aged 42 years and was survived by one son and five daughters. From Germany, Charles Vollmer went to Hull, England, and from there to Liverpool, where he took passage on a vessel for New York, where he was safely landed and immediately made his way to New Washington, O. He had already had two years of experience in a blacksmith shop and soon found work at this trade in his new home and shortly afterward started his own shop and continued until 1897, in which year he was elected county sheriff. He made an admirable officer in that as in other positions to which he was called by his fellow citizens, serving in the city council and for many years as city marshal. In June, 1902, he came to Bucyrus and established a restaurant at No. 210 North Sandusky avenue, which he conducted until October, 1911, when he laid aside busi-

ness responsibilities and is enjoying well earned rest.

Mr. Vollmer was married (first) at Lansing, Mich., to Miss Catherine Koller, who was born in Michigan, of German ancestry, and died there June 6, 1877, leaving two sons: Frederick, who is purchasing agent for the Carroll Machine and Steel Works, at Bucyrus; and Benjamin, who is a resident of Lansing, Mich. Mr. Vollmer was married (second) at New Washington, O., to Miss Elizabeth Walter, who was born, reared and educated in Cranberry township, Crawford county, and is a daughter of Frederick and Barbara (Trembler) Walter, the former of whom was born in Germany and the latter in Crawford county. The mother of Mrs. Vollmer died some 40 years since but the father survived until December, 1910. They were members of the German Lutheran church. They had two sons John and Jacob, both of whom live in Crawford county, and two daughters, Mrs. Vollmer and Mrs. Mary Brown, who resides with her four daughters in Columbus.

Seven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Vollmer, namely: William, who lives at St. Paul, Minn.; Rosa, who is the wife of George Blumenschein, of Bucyrus, and has an adopted son; Charles, who is associated with his brother William, at St. Paul; John who is in business at Bucyrus; Ruth, who is cashier in a business house at Bucyrus; and Martha and Elizabeth, both of whom are students. Mr. Vollmer is a Knight Templar Mason and belongs also to the Knights of Pythias, the Macabees, the Elks and the Odd Fellows, being past grand master of the last organization. In politics he is a Democrat.

ULYSSES GRANT HARVEY, a well known resident of Bucyrus township, Crawford county, O., who resides on the old home farm of 211 acres, being one of the heirs of the late Andrew Jackson Harvey, was born in Bucyrus township, March 4, 1867, and is a son of Andrew Jackson and Elizabeth (Price) Harvey.

The Harvey and Price names are very familiar ones in Pennsylvania, in which state Andrew J. Harvey and wife were born. In early married life they came to Crawford county and for many years Andrew J. Harvey

was a successful farmer in Bucyrus township and one of its most respected citizens. His death occurred in the fall of 1903 and his burial was in the Bucyrus cemetery. He was an intelligent and public spirited man in all that related to the section in which he made his home and he gave support to educational and religious enterprises. His widow survives and still occupies the old homestead. The children, six in number, were: Ollie, Lawrence, Minnie, Ulysses Grant, Clay M. and Nettie.

Ulysses G. Harvey obtained his education in the public schools and has spent his life on the homestead, where, under his father's direction, he was trained along agricultural lines. He still remains with his mother and carries on the industries that are necessary on so large an estate. His parents reared him in the Presbyterian church. Like his late father he is a Republican in National affairs but in local matters frequently uses his own judgment. For some years he has been identified with the Knights of Pythias, at Bucyrus, and takes much interest in the work and aims of this world-wide fraternal organization.

EDWARD A. SPIEGEL, whose home farm lies in Holmes township, Crawford county, O., five miles northwest of Bucyrus, O., was born in this township, Feb. 21, 1869, and is a son of John A. Spiegel, one of the old settlers of this section.

Edward A. Spiegel attended the public schools and then chose farming as his business in life, preparing for the future on the home farm. In 1892 he came to his present farm of 80 acres and additionally has two other tracts in this township, one containing 40 acres and the other 39 acres. Mr. Spiegel is an enterprising man and believes in improvements, hence his lands have never been neglected and his buildings are equal to any in the township, his handsome residence having been erected in 1899. This place is known as Center Farm, and Mr. Spiegel engages in general agriculture, raising excellent crops and considerable stock, his market for his extra produce being Bucyrus.

In 1891 Mr. Spiegel was married to Miss Matilda Thatcher, a daughter of Thomas Thatcher of Wyandot county, where he for-

merly was a farmer and lumberman. He married Naomi Hall, who survives but he died when Mrs. Spiegel was eight years old. To Mr. and Mrs. Spiegel the following children have been born: Neal, born Nov. 19, 1895, who is his father's capable assistant; Naomi, who was born March 10, 1900; Esther, who was born Jan. 11, 1902; Edith, who was born March 20, 1904; and Catherine, who was born Aug. 21, 1910 and died Sept. 17, 1910. Mr. Spiegel and family are members of the United Brethren church in Holmes township. In politics he thinks for himself and votes independently.

JAMES O. CRIDER, owner and proprietor of a general store at Leesville, O., is a member of one of the old Crawford county families, his grandparents, Daniel Crider and wife having come to this part of Ohio from Pennsylvania at a very early day. He was born in Jefferson township, Crawford county, in August, 1878, and is a son of John and Mary (Ashcroft) Crider.

John Crider was born in Crawford county, O., and spent his life here mainly engaged in agricultural pursuits. He was a man of good standing in his community, a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and a supporter of law and order. His death occurred in May, 1906. He married Mary Ashcroft, who still survives, residing at Leesville, and they had the following children: Frank; Ilo, who is deceased; Lulu, who is the wife of Frank Lutz; William; Nellie; Lyda, who is the wife of Chauncy Channel; Sidney, who is the wife of Charles Gledhill; James O.; and Ressie, who is the wife of Allen Smith.

James O. Crider obtained his education in the public schools and afterward learned the stone mason trade and followed the same until October, 1911, when he purchased the stock and good will of J. P. Herr, a merchant at Leesville, and has continued in the general mercantile line ever since. He carries a very well assorted stock and enjoys patronage drawn from the town and surrounding country. He is a Democrat in his political views but has no desire to hold public office.

On Oct. 19, 1905, Mr. Crider was married to Miss Mary Herr, who was born in Crawford county and is a daughter of J. P. and

Catherine (Reibel) Herr and a granddaughter of John Peter Herr. The mother of Mrs. Crider died on Aug. 20, 1910, and her burial was in Vernon township. The father still carries on his farm industries. Mrs. Crider was the third born in her parents' family, the others being: John, who is deceased; Elizabeth, who is the wife of Harvey Hahn; and Magdalena, William and Catherine, all of whom are deceased.

ELLIOTT A. SMITH,* foreman in the painting department of the Toledo & Ohio Central Railroad main shops at Bucyrus, O., has been connected with this corporation since 1885 and has filled his present responsible office since 1897. He was born July 20, 1845, at Mansfield, O., and is a son of Cyrus A. and Jane (Rowland) Smith. Cyrus A. Smith was born in Broome county, N. Y. and from there came to Ashland county, O., in young manhood. There he was married to Jane Rowland, who was born in Pennsylvania and came to Ohio with her parents in 1816. They located on untilled land in a wild section and she often recalled seeing Indians in her youth and of sitting, on the knee of that strange old philosopher, Johnny Appleseed, who, in her day, went up and down the country, scattering his apple seeds, that he had faith to believe would fill the land with bounteous orchards.

A few years after marriage, Cyrus A. Smith moved to Mansfield, O., where he engaged in merchandising during the rest of his active life, spending the closing days with his son Elliott A., at Bucyrus, where his death occurred in 1882. He had survived his wife for two years, her death occurring at Savanna, Ashland county, where they had lived for a few years. Of their children, Elliott A., was the only one to reach maturity. They were Baptists in religious faith and practice.

Elliott A. Smith was mainly reared at Mansfield and there learned his trade and in 1885, when he came first to the Toledo & O. C. Railway, it was as a letter and ornamental sign painter. He thoroughly understood every branch of the business, however, and so proved his qualifications that he was rapidly promoted and finally was made foreman of his department.

Mr. Smith was married at Mansfield to Miss

Ella Chandler, who was born in that city, a daughter of Dr. J. M. and Rachel E. (Mount) Chandler, old residents there. Dr. Chandler was born in 1817 and died in 1863. His widow survived into extreme old age, her death occurring Jan. 10, 1912, in her 87th year. Mr. and Mrs. Smith have two sons: Rowland M., who is an artist on what is perhaps rightly termed, the world's greatest newspaper, the Chicago Tribune, and who is married and has one daughter, Janet; and Charles, a graduate of the Western Dental College, Kansas City, who has been established in practice at St. Louis, for three years, and who married Elizabeth Peckham.

Politically Mr. Smith has always been a Republican. During the Civil war he served four months in Co. A, 163d O. Vol. Inf., and was present at the blowing up of the mines in front of Petersburg, Va. He is a member of Keller Post, No. 108, G. A. R., of which he is adjutant. He belongs also to the Royal Arcanum and formerly was identified with the Knights of Pythias.

ALBERT L. BEASTON, who is a member of one of the old and substantial families of Crawford county, residing five and one-half miles south of Bucyrus, O., on the Marion road, where he has 120 acres of finely improved land, owns a second farm, containing 84 acres, which lies to the west of his home tract. He was born in Bucyrus township, Jan. 13, 1870, and is a son of Thomas and Mary (Drolesbaugh) Beaston.

The parents of Mr. Beaston were born in Pennsylvania and came of German ancestry. For many years they were well known and highly esteemed residents of Crawford county, where the father was a successful farmer and a good citizen but was never willing to accept public office. Both father and mother of Mr. Beaston have passed away, their burial being in the Mt. Zion cemetery in Bucyrus township. They had three children: John A.; Anna, now deceased, who was the wife of Harry Price; and Albert L.

Albert L. Beaston has devoted the greater part of his life to agricultural pursuits, beginning to assist his father as soon as his school days were over and continuing along the same line up to the present. General farm-



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ing is his main industry, his raising of stock being limited to just enough for his own use.

On Oct. 16, 1895, Mr. Beaston was married to Miss Lavena M. Welsh, a daughter of George H. and Amelia (Palmer) Welsh, former very highly respected residents of this township, where the father was a farmer. They are survived by two daughters: Effie M., who is the wife of E. E. Harvey; and Mrs. Beaston. Mr. and Mrs. Beaston have one daughter, Wilma A. The family belongs to the Scioto Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. Beaston has always believed in the principles of the Republican party.

DAVID CHRISTIE, deceased, who, for many years was a busy and highly respected citizen of Bucyrus and an honorable man in every relation of life, was born at Cross Gate, Fifeshire, Scotland, Oct. 17, 1832, a son of Ebenezer and Catherine (Anderson) Christie, and a grandson of Captain Anderson, who was, in his day, a well known military man and Scotch patriot.

David Christie learned to be a blacksmith and general machinist and with this knowledge, in 1852, came to the United States after serving three years in the shipyards at Gravenstock, Scotland. For some years he followed his trades at St. Louis, Mo., and at Cincinnati and Chillicothe, O. Later he traveled over other sections of the country, working at Cochran, Ind., and at points in Kentucky, and while residing at Maysville, in the latter state, enlisted and served three months in the Civil War. After that he returned to the above mentioned Ohio cities, easily finding employment in the different railroad shops, as he was so skilled a workman. In 1879 he came to Bucyrus, being then in the employ of the T. & O. Railroad and later became foreman of the railroad shops here in the blacksmith department, where he continued until 1892, when he resigned in order to enjoy some years of ease and comfort after many years of hard work. These were afforded him, his death occurring Dec. 16, 1908. He was a man who was held in much esteem for his many sterling qualities. Politically he was a Republican and at one time was a member of the city council. From boyhood he had been a member of the Presbyterian church.

Mr. Christie was married (first) at Chillicothe, to Margaret Dickson, who died in that city in February, 1865, leaving four children: James and Anna Jane McCall, both of whom are deceased; Ezenezer, who lives at E. St. Louis; and David, who now lives at Toledo. At Aurora, Ind., Mr. Christie was married (second) on Jan. 24, 1866, to Mrs. Agnes Laird, who was born near Belfast, Ireland, in 1833, a granddaughter of James and Nanna Marshall, who left Scotland and settled in Ireland. Their second son, Samuel, was born near Belfast in 1799, married Jennie Berkeley and after the birth of three children—Agnes, Mary and Eliza—determined to come to America. They crossed the Atlantic Ocean in the sailing vessel, the Thomas P. Cope, and after a voyage of seven weeks on a rough sea, were safely landed at Philadelphia, Pa. They located at Aurora, Ind., from which place they later moved to a farm of 80 acres in Dearborn county. There the father developed a productive farm from very discouraging original conditions and replaced the old log cabin with a comfortable residence. He died there in December, 1852, when aged 53 years, having survived his wife, who died in 1849, aged but 37 years. Additions were made to their family after they settled in Indiana, as follows: James, who died in infancy; Jane, a resident of Bellefontaine, O., who is the wife of Ebenezer Christie; and Sarah R., who is the widow of Michael Tracy, residing in Indiana.

The first marriage of Mrs. Christie took place in 1854, to Robert Laird, who died in 1857, leaving two children: Jennie B. and Mary E., who died in early life. To Mr. and Mrs. Christie the following children were born, all of whom survived: Margaret, who is the wife of John De Hart, of Bucyrus, and has three sons—Laird, David J. and Andrew; Catherine, who is the wife of George Stuckert, and has four children—Nayvere, Robert, Donald and Anna Jane; Mary, who is the wife of William McKinley, a railroad conductor, living at Toledo, O., and has three children—Hobart, Walter and Agnes; Agnes, who is the wife of Murray Lidey, and lives with her mother; and Robert, who resides at Toledo and who is married and has three children—Robert, Don and Helen.

PETER BAER, who is a prominent citizen of Tod township, Crawford county, O., and one of the successful agriculturists, resides on his well improved farm of 130 acres, which is situated one and one-half miles southwest of Occola, O. He was born in Allegany county, Md., Feb. 14, 1846, and is a son of Peter and Mary (Logsdon) Baer.

Peter Baer, the father, was born in Maryland, where his parents had settled when they came to America from Germany. He was a cabinetmaker by trade and also followed farming and auctioneering. In 1851 he moved with his family to Marion county, O., where he located on a farm but died in the following year, at the age of 52 years. He married Mary Logsdon, who was also a native of Maryland, and she lived to see her 82d birthday. Six children were born to them, namely: Jonas, who died at the age of 66 years, in California; Eli, who was a farmer in Marion county and died there at the age of 82 years; Herman, who died in Marion county, when aged 70 years; John, who is a resident of Marion county; Mrs. Honora Ellen Hord, who lives at Clinton, Hardin county, O.; and Peter. From this branch of the Baer family also descended George F. Baer, the coal baron of Pennsylvania.

Peter Baer attended the schools of Marion county and became proficient in his studies and during his last term was called on to assist the teacher. Afterward he worked as a farmer on the home place until he moved to the village of Wyandot, in Wyandot county, where he was in business until 1873, when he came to Tod township, Crawford county, and settled on his present valuable farm. General farming is his main industry but he also raises some stock, poultry and fruit. Since early manhood he has been an active and interested citizen and his stability as such has been frequently recognized. When only 21 years old he was elected township clerk in Marion county and continued in that office as long as he remained there. In Tod township he was elected township trustee on the Democratic ticket and served four terms, still later was made land appraiser and at the present time (1912) is his party's selected candidate for county commissioner.

Mr. Baer married Miss Catherine Flock,

who was born at Bucyrus but was reared in Wyandot county, and they have three children: Henry Herman, who is a teacher in a high school in Nevada, and who married Grace Burnside, they having an infant unnamed; George P., who is a resident of Cleveland, a judge of the municipal court there, and who married Elizabeth Wurtz; and Mary, who is the wife of Charles R. Snyder, residing one and one-half miles east of the homestead, and has one son, Wilfred. Mr. Baer and wife attend the Lutheran church.

FLAVIUS S. KEPLER, whose valuable farm of 160 acres is situated in Whetstone township, Crawford county, O., and who is one of the stockholders in the Farmers and Citizens Bank at Bucyrus, is a leading citizen of this section of Crawford county, both as a business man and as a politician. He was born June 10, 1866, in Hocking county, O., and is a son of Lucius and Margaret (Snyder) Kepler.

Lucius Kepler is one of the substantial farmers of Green township, Hocking county, O., a prominent Democrat and a liberal supporter of the Methodist Episcopal church in that section. He married Margaret Snyder and the following children were born to them: Flavius S.; Julia, who is the wife of Cromwell Nelson; Margaret, who is the wife of Edward Hamlin; John; Jacob; Hannah, who is the wife of James Lemon; Barnett; Hester, who is the wife of Richard Herld; and Frank and Grover.

Flavius S. Kepler had common school advantages and remained on the home farm and assisted his father until he was 19 years of age. After leaving the farm he went into railroad work and continued for seven years but again resumed farming as his occupation and for 13 years operated his present place under rental before he purchased it from C. F. Rexroth. It was the old John Brehman homestead, a fine piece of property, which, under Mr. Kepler's care and good management, has been developed into one of the best farms in Whetstone township.

In November, 1886, Mr. Kepler was married to Miss Nora Shumaker, one of the following family of eleven children born to Joel and Elmira (Weatherbee) Shumaker; Ange-

line, who is the wife of William Allebach; Sarah, who is deceased; Margaret, who is the wife of Isaac Read; Almeda, who is the wife of Frank Benedict; Ella, who is the wife of James Stoneman; and Albert, Charles, Edward, David and Nora, and Effie, who is deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Kepler have four children: Russell, who married Catherine Heiber and has one son, William Flavius; and Lucius, Marie and Della Alice.

In his political views Mr. Kepler is a staunch Democrat, was reared in this party, his father being a strong party man and an admirer and supporter of the late ex-President Cleveland. For seven years Mr. Kepler served as township assessor and at present is a member of the school board. He belongs to that important party organization, the Democratic Central Committee. Mr. Kepler is an interested member of the local Grange and with his family attends the United Brethren church.

G. RAYMOND LICHTY,* freight and passenger agent of the Toledo & Ohio Central Railway, at Bucyrus, O., has been identified with this corporation since 1901 and through ability and fidelity in a comparatively short time won his way from a clerkship to his present responsible position. He was born in 1880, at Bucyrus, and is a son of Adam J. and a grandson of Peter Lichty.

Peter Lichty was born in Alsace Lorraine, when it was yet a French province and came to the United States in the forties, shortly afterward locating at New Washington, in Crawford county, O. From there he came to Bucyrus, where he followed his trade of wagonmaking, late in life retiring to Toledo, where he died at the home of his eldest son, Peter Lichty, his wife surviving him but a short time. They were members of the Lutheran church. They had four sons: Peter, who resides at Toledo, Ia.; Charles, deceased, who is survived by children; George, who is a resident of Bucyrus; and Adam J.

Adam J. Lichty was born at New Washington, Crawford county, O., 63 years ago, and is a prominent citizen of Bucyrus, at present serving in an official capacity. He learned the wagonmaking trade with his father and they conducted the business together at New Washington until the older member of the

firm went to Iowa, after which Adam J. occupied himself for some years along the same line. In the early part of the Civil war he enlisted in Co. C, in an Ohio regiment of infantry, in which he served for 90 days and at present is an official member of Keller Post, G. A. R., of Bucyrus. Mr. Lichty has always been a Democrat and a working member of his party. He was married at Bucyrus to Anna Streib, who was born in Germany and when five years old accompanied her parents to America. Conrad Streib and wife were members of the German Lutheran church. Three children were born to Adam J. Lichty and wife: G. Raymond; Marcus H., who is in the restaurant business at Canton, O.; and Robert C., who is general superintendent of the K. & M. Railroad, at Charleston, W. Va.

G. Raymond Lichty was educated in the public schools and ever since has been engaged in railroad work, in 1901 beginning as yard clerk with the Toledo & Ohio Central. Later he was employed in the freight department and still later was bill clerk for the department as operated from this center to the main offices at Columbus. In 1907 he was advanced to his present position in which he has given efficient and satisfactory service and has five men in his department.

Mr. Lichty was married at Bucyrus to Miss Ethel L. Frash, who was born here in 1882, a daughter of Louis and Gertrude (Peters) Frash, residents of this city. The father of Mrs. Lichty was born in Ohio and her mother in Germany. Mr. and Mrs. Lichty have one daughter, Dorothea, who was born June 15, 1906. They are members of the Lutheran church. Mr. Lichty is not very active in politics but he votes with the Democratic party.

ELMER ELLSWORTH HARVEY, whose valuable farm of 166 acres is situated in Bucyrus township, is numbered with the prosperous agriculturists of this section and is one of the most highly respected citizens. He was born in Bucyrus township, Dec. 30, 1865, and is a son of George Washington and Elizabeth (Faylor) Harvey.

George Washington Harvey was born in Pennsylvania and came in early manhood to Crawford county, where he followed farming all his after life. He married (first) Eliza-

beth Failor, who was born and died here and her burial was in the Bucyrus cemetery. They were faithful members of the Lutheran church. Their family of children consisted of the following: William F., Galen H., Effie, Elmer Ellsworth. He was married (second) to Elizabeth Neil and they have two children: D. N. and E. R.

Elmer Ellsworth Harvey bears a name that has been held in tender remembrance by the loyal people of the United States since the early days of the Civil war. His boyhood was mainly devoted to school attendance and since then he has been interested in farm pursuits. In 1906 he purchased his present farm from the G. H. Welsh estate and carries on general farming and stock raising as best suits his convenience, being progressive and up-to-date in his methods. He has improved his property as he has considered advisable and has recently built a substantial barn.

In 1888 Mr. Harvey was married to Miss Effie Welsh, a daughter of the late George H. Welsh. She has one sister, who is the wife of A. L. Beaston, a well known farmer in Bucyrus township. Mr. and Mrs. Harvey have three children: Imo, Mildred and Russell. They are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. Harvey is a very intelligent, well informed man and as he is perfectly capable of drawing conclusions for himself concerning public questions, he is an independent voter.

MRS. ELIZABETH ROBERTS, Sr., one of the best known residents of Holmes township, Crawford county, O., residing on her valuable farm of 40 acres, but owns 80 additional acres which is rented, this latter tract being located nine miles northwest of Bucyrus, was born in that city and is a daughter of Lewis and Elizabeth (Fetter) Trish.

The parents of Mrs. Roberts were born, reared and married in Germany. For two years after coming to the United States they lived in Pennsylvania and then moved to Crawford county, O., and the father followed wagon making at Bucyrus, later moving on a farm in Wyandot county, where he engaged

in agricultural pursuits until the close of his life, when aged 58 years. Of his large family of children, nine reached mature years.

Elizabeth Trish grew to useful young womanhood under her parents' roof and obtained a district school education. In 1854 she married Daniel Roberts, who was born in Fairfield county, O. When he reached manhood he took charge of a tract of land in Tod township, which his father gave him and which Mrs. Roberts still owns. He followed farming with excellent success and provided well for his family. During the Civil war he became a soldier in the Union army, enlisting in Co. H, 123d O. Vol. Inf., and some time afterward was captured by the Confederates and sent to the terrible prison at Salisbury, N. C., where neglect and hardship caused his death. He left a widow and son to mourn his early passing away. Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Roberts: Robert Albert, an infant and Clara, the last two named being deceased. Robert Albert Roberts, locally known as Colonel Roberts, was born on the present farm which he rents from his mother. He married Elizabeth Blinn and they have three children: Daniel, Glen and Daisy. The eldest was named in remembrance of his grandfather. He married Edna Lutz and they have one son, Wilbur. Mrs. Roberts and family attend the Protestant Methodist church.

BURDETT KIRBY HOOVER, who owns and operates a farm of 80 acres in Dallas township, was born in this township, Dec. 7, 1870, a son of Christian and Lorena (Kirby) Hoover. He is a grandson of William and Phebe (Swisher) Hoover, the former of whom was born in Pickaway county, Ohio, but who passed the greater part of his life as a farmer in Crawford county. By his wife, Phebe, who was born in Franklin county, O., he had ten children, namely: John T., Emma, wife of Henry M. Welsh; Christian; George W.; Margaret, wife of David E. Fisher; Marcellus; Alice, wife of Marks Tea; Charles Fremont; Flora, wife of H. L. Weber; and William.

Christian Hoover, father of our subject, was educated in the public schools and was brought up to agriculture. Since he was four years old he has resided on the old Hoover homestead, which is operated now by his sons, under his direction, he having retired practically from active labor. He was married in 1868 to Lorena Kirby, who was born in Crawford county, a daughter of Samuel and Mary (Welsh) Kirby. Mrs. Christian Hoover died Nov. 8, 1909. Two brothers and a sister survive her—John, George and Emma, the last mentioned being the wife of James Orr. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Hoover were as follows: Ernest, who married Nonia Flock and has four children—Hugh, Alice, Florence and Lucile; Burdett K., whose name heads this article; Charles F., who married Nora Kerr and has five children—Helen, Wayne, Clifford, Marjorie and Dorothy; Maud; and Madge, who is the wife of Arlington Blair and has three children—Hoover, Thomas and a child unnamed. Christian Hoover is a Republican politically and has served the township as trustee, showing himself a capable man of affairs. He attends the M. E. church.

Burdett K. Hoover after attending the common schools in his boyhood, turned his attention to farming. He worked under his father until he was about 29 years old, after which he rented land for six years, two years of this time in Holmes township and four years in Bucyrus township. He then bought his present farm of A. W. Blair and is engaged in general farming, keeping enough stock for his own use. Like his father, he is a Republican, and he served as township clerk for some years and for two years as treasurer.

He was married in 1901 to Olive Quaintance, a daughter of Aaron John and Mary (Heller) Quaintance. Mrs. Hoover's parents are farming people of Holmes township, her father being a veteran of the Civil war. Their children are J. B., Leroy, Daniel, Etta, wife of J. W. Dobbins, Blanche, wife of B. S. Kimmel, Oscar, James, Olive now Mrs. B. K. Hoover, Orrel, and Ona, wife of Albert Brown. Mr. and Mrs. B. K. Hoover are the parents of two children; Chester, Laverne and Hazel Anita. The family attend the United Brethren Mt. Zion church in Dallas township.

HENRY S. KROHN,* one of the highly respected retired citizens of Galion, O., for many years has occupied his comfortable residence at No. 430 Grand street, in front of which he set out the maple trees which have grown to luxuriance, is well known all over Crawford county, for a long period having been a popular educator. He was born in York county, Pa., Sept. 22, 1840, and is a son of John and Mary (Snyder) Krohn.

Both the Krohn and Snyder families originated in Germany, but for generations have been of America and before coming to Ohio, lived and prospered in York county, Pa., and there John Krohn was born, a son of John and Catherine (Kreitzer) Krohn. He was one of a family of nine children and the eldest. He became a farmer in York county, Pa., married and died in 1852, at the age of 59 years. After being left a widow, Mrs. Krohn came to Crawford county, O., with her children and purchased 80 acres of land on the outskirts of Galion, her farm now being a part of the city and laid out in streets and covered with buildings. Mrs. Krohn was married after coming to Ohio to John Dice, and both died here, Mr. Dice being buried in the old Galion cemetery. She survived to the age of 77 years. In every relation of life she was an estimable woman and was a dear parents' children and is the only one living. He was reared to farm pursuits but was more than usually intelligent as a youth and so applied himself to his books that he became qualified for teaching and subsequently taught 46 terms of school, 42 of these in Crawford county. He has, at times, been otherwise occupied, from 1874 until 1884 being connected with the Big Four Railroad, and occasionally has followed the carpenter trade to some extent. He has been practically a continuous resident of Galion since 1872, and his general interests have been centered here.

Mr. Krohn was married in Crawford county, to Miss Anna E. Swisher, who was born in Jefferson township, June 18, 1839, and is a daughter of John and Mary (Garberich) Swisher. The father of Mrs. Krohn was born in Crawford county and died here when aged 60 years. The mother was a native of Pennsylvania and survived to the age of 76 years. They were members of the United Brethren

church. Mrs. Krohn is the only one remaining of their family of children.

Mr. and Mrs. Krohn have had the following children: Mary A., who has been a teacher since the age of 17 years and is well known in educational circles and has many pleasant social connections here; Ida Jane, who is the wife of Hanie L. Seif, residing at Galion; Estella, who is the wife of Evan J. Healy, of Delaware county, O., and has two sons—Elbridge J. and Russell Krohn; William Franklin, who married and removed to Chicago, Ill., and has had two children, Willard and Henrietta, the latter of whom died at the age of seven years; Iva May, who married (first) John Cook, and (second) James E. Mateer, and who resides at Mt. Gilead, Morrow county, O.; Ena J., who married William G. Line, of Galion, and has two children, Madge E. and Charles H. Mr. Krohn and family are active in the United Brethren church. In his political views Mr. Krohn is a Republican.

JOHN I. MILLIKEN, one of the progressive and enterprising agriculturists of Crawford county, O., and one of its substantial citizens, resides on his one farm of 120 acres, lying in Bucyrus township, and owns a second farm, containing 56 acres, situated in Dallas township. He was born in Juniata county, Pa., Jan. 6, 1871, and is a son of John and Sarah (Imis) Milliken.

The parents of Mr. Milliken were born in Pennsylvania and still reside there, the father being a farmer and also a carpenter. He has been identified with the Democratic party since his early manhood but has never been a seeker for public office. He and wife are members of the United Presbyterian church. They have reared a large family, as follows: Jennie, who is the wife of William McGill; Alice, deceased, who was the wife of Neely Arnold; Sarah; Charles; Etta, who is the wife of Warren Gray; Emma, who is the wife of Charles McCullough; John I.; Myrtle, who is the wife of Joseph McLaughlin; Elizabeth, who is the wife of John Hockenberry; and Bertha, who is the wife of Crawford Tilfer.

John I. Milliken received his educational training in the public schools of Juniata county and afterward assisted his father until he was

19 years of age when he decided to start out for himself. He came to Crawford county as a promising field and for the four succeeding years worked on farms by the month, a very excellent way in which to learn the different methods pursued by farmers in securing the best returns from the soil, and then followed farming on shares for two years. His present farm in Bucyrus township, was formerly known as the James P. Beall farm. He carries on all the usual farm industries and has met with great success in his undertakings and is numbered with the best farmers in the township.

In November, 1893, Mr. Milliken was married to Miss Nora E. Beall, who was born on the present farm, and belongs to one of the old county families. Her parents, James P. and Mary Ann (Keckler) Beall, are both deceased, their burial being at Bucyrus. James P. Beall was a leading Republican of Bucyrus township and he and his wife were faithful members of the Methodist Episcopal church. Mrs. Milliken was the youngest born of their children, the others being: James Perry and John W., both now deceased; Mary M., wife of Charles Henry; Laura E., wife of E. R. Hill; Dorsey L.; and Eva M., wife of Wesley Beal. Mr. and Mrs. Milliken have one daughter, Edith Beal. They attend the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. Milliken votes with the Republican party.

H. W. SMITH, general farmer residing on his well improved place of 65 acres, situated nine miles northwest of Bucyrus, O., was born in Lykens township, Crawford county, O., Dec. 21, 1859, and is a son of Frederick Smith. He was a native of Saxony, Germany, and came to the United States when a young man.

H. W. Smith attended school in Lykens township and afterward took up farming, first on the home place and then in Holmes township, subsequently buying a farm in Tod township which he later sold. In 1904 he bought his present farm, on which he has placed all the excellent improvements and carries on general farming and stock raising.

In March, 1885, Mr. Smith was married (first) to Miss Jane Smith, who died in 1888. Mr. Smith was married (second) to Mrs. Esther (Norris) Wilhelm, in 1891, who was

accidentally killed by a stroke of lightning, July 16, 1907, while in church, on a part of the home farm. Mr. and Mrs. Smith had one child that died in infancy. Mrs. Smith had one son by her first marriage, Clyde Wilhelm, who is a teacher in Holmes township and in September, 1911, was married to Miss Hazel Frost. His father, William Wilhelm, was a farmer in Holmes township and died prior to the birth of his son. Mr. Smith is a member of the Evangelical church and is one of Holmes township's most respected citizens. In politics he is a Democrat, but uses his own judgment when voting.

DAVID LUST, V. S. is one of the well-known residents of Dallas township, Crawford county, and the owner of 120 acres of land, 80 of which are located in Dallas township and the remaining 40 in Tod township. He was born in Crawford county, Nov. 17, 1847, being a son of Conrad and Magdalena (Myers) Lust.

Conrad Lust came to this country from Germany where he had been born, being but nine years of age at the time of his arrival here. His wife was born in Columbiana county, O. Both have passed away and their remains are buried in Chatfield township. They reared a family of children who bore the following names: Israel, Susannah, deceased, who was the wife of Christopher Klink; John; David; Catherine, the widow of William H. Hunsicker; Sophia, the wife of Emanuel Yeiter; Solomon; Daniel; and Elizabeth, who is the wife of John Beal. Conrad Lust was a Democrat in politics.

Dr. David Lust, after completing his common school education, turned his attention to farm work but in connection therewith began the study of veterinary surgery. After three years spent with Dr. Keller he began practice for himself and has since continued to attend to his duties as a veterinary together with his farming. Dr. Lust has lived on his farm about 40 years, having inherited the 80 acres on which he resides from his father. The 40 acres located in Tod township he himself has bought. His land is well improved and he carries on general farming besides raising what stock he needs.

Dr. Lust married Miss Elizabeth Hunsicker

in August, 1871. She was born in Stark county, her parents being Jacob and Otilia (Nearing) Hunsicker, whose other children were: Jacob, William, Catherine (Mrs. Henry White), Peter, and Mary (Mrs. Jacob Shearer). Mr. Hunsicker spent his life engaged in farming.

Dr. and Mrs. Lust are the parents of three children, namely: Noah L., who married Miss Emma Stiger; Ida, the wife of Philip Stiger; and Daniel C., who married Miss Bessie Murphy.

In politics Dr. Lust adheres to the Democratic party. He has served as land appraiser. He belongs to the Grange at Bucyrus and the Reformed church.

H. N. OBERLANDER,* a leading business man of Bucyrus, O., a reliable contractor and for some four years largely engaged in building streets in this and other cities, belongs to one of the old families of Crawford county. His grandfather, Jacob Oberlander, came from Germany to this county at an early date, taking up lands in Lykens township and establishing his family here on a sound foundation. H. N. Oberlander was born on the family homestead, in 1863, and is a son of Emanuel Oberlander, the second born son in his grandfather's family.

Emanuel Oberlander was three years old when his parents came to Crawford county and more or less spent his life on the homestead which comprised a three-quarter section of land. He developed into a careful and successful farmer and good business man and from time to time added to the property he had inherited. His death occurred in 1902, when he was 63 years of age. Politically he was a Democrat. In his religious views he was in sympathy with the religious body known as the Albright Methodists. He married Lydia Spade, a native of Crawford county, who still occupies the old homestead in Lykens township. Six children were born to them as follows: Mary, who is the wife of George Haines of New Washington Crawford county, and has two children: Willis, who resides on the old farm with his mother; Galen, who resides with his family in Lykens township, father of one son; H. N., who has resided at Bucyrus ever since he was elected a county

commissioner; George, who lives on the old farm, and who is married and has one child; and Jennie, who is the wife of Christopher Miller, a farmer in Lykens township and has two sons and one daughter.

H. N. Oberlander obtained his education in the country schools and grew up on the home farm and for a number of years devoted himself to agricultural pursuits. A man of force and character he secured the confidence of his fellow citizens all over the county and in 1893 was elected a county commissioner and served for six years. During this time he had become a resident of Bucyrus, where he has resided ever since. His leading business for some years has been street and road contracting and building, and additionally he deals in hay. In politics he is a Democrat and at different times has been elected to about all of the township offices, in every one of which he has given efficient and honest service.

In Lykens township, Crawford county, on July 10, 1884, Mr. Oberlander was married to Miss Lillie M. Dellinger, who was born 45 years ago at Lima, in Allen county, O., the youngest child of David and Amanda (William) Dellinger. Her father, David Dellinger, was also born in Lykens township, a son of Joseph and Susanna (Smith) Dellinger, pioneers in that section. David Dellinger was a merchant at Lima, O., for ten years prior to his death, which occurred when Mrs. Oberlander was young. Mrs. Dellinger when left a widow came to Lykens township with her three children and died here Feb. 2, 1905. She was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. Mrs. Oberlander has two sisters: Mollie and Mattie. The former is the wife of Alexander Flickinger, a farmer in Texas township, Crawford county, and has two children, Edith and Harry. Edith is the wife of Ralph Larue and has two children. Harry resides with his wife on a farm near Plankton, O. Mattie is the wife of H. S. Shupp and they live on a farm in Lykens township. They have one daughter, Maria, who is the wife of Prof. Earl Hall, who is principal of the public schools at Fowler, Colo.

Mr. and Mrs. Oberlander have had two children: N. Winona and Chalmer L. The daughter, who died in the flower of young womanhood, when aged but 20 years, Oct. 26,

1905, was a beautiful and talented girl. Her parents had given her educational advantages and she had taught school for three years. She was universally admired and beloved. Chalmer L. Oberlander was born Nov. 4, 1887, and is associated with his father and has proven a reliable business man. Mrs. Oberlander is a member of the Free Will Baptist church.

LEVI SHEMER, a prosperous farmer, owner of 127 acres of land in Dallas township, was born in Stark county, O., Oct. 14, 1845, son of John and Mary (Wickard) Shemer. The father of our subject was a native of Switzerland and the mother of Pennsylvania. They came to Crawford county early in married life and John Shemer followed farming here for many years. Their children were Levi, Garrison, Delila, now deceased, who was the wife of William McBride, Susan, wife of John Aumiller; Emeline, wife of Neal Spade; Priscilla, wife of Marion Spade; Amanda, deceased; Esther, wife of C. P. Shoffstale; George and J. Corvin. John Shemer was a Republican in politics and he and his wife attended the United Brethren church.

Levi Shemer was quite young when he accompanied his parents to Crawford county. He was educated in the common schools, and in 1863, at the age of 18 years, enlisted in Company A, 12th Ohio Volunteer Cavalry, serving until the close of the war, when he was honorably discharged. He then returned to Crawford county, where he was married March 30, 1871 to Martha J. McKinney, a daughter of John and Matilda (Rex) McKinney. Mrs. Shemer's father was a native of Richland county, O., and her mother of Pennsylvania; they were farming people. Their children were Mary Ann, wife of W. B. Comstock; Martha J., who is now Mrs. Shemer; Eleonore, wife of John Frost; and John Henry.

To Mr. and Mrs. Shemer the children born are George LeRoy, Mary Matilda, wife of Dan Parcher; Charles Otis, Velma, Maude, Leo White and Earl. Mr. Shemer is a Republican in politics. He has served Dallas township as road supervisor and school director, and belongs to Lee's Post, No. 128, G. A. R. at Liberty.



ALBERT E. SHUMAKER

FREDERICK TRISH, who is extensively engaged in general farming and cattle and stock raising in Tod township, Crawford county, O., has a large body of land, amounting to 858 acres, which lies in Crawford and Wyandot counties. His present home is situated five and one-half miles south of Oceola. He was born at Bucyrus, O., Nov. 13, 1840, and is a son of Lewis and Anna Elizabeth (Fetter) Trish.

Lewis Trish and wife were both born in Germany. He came to America when young and located first at York, Pa., and from there made his way to Crawford county, in 1835 reaching Bucyrus, where, for 20 years he carried on a wagon and carriage making business. He moved then to Wyandot county and became a farmer and died there July 4, 1859, when aged 57 years. He married Anna Elizabeth Fetter, who died in 1882, her age being 77 years, 6 months and 3 days. Of their nine children, three sons and two daughters are deceased.

Frederick Trish is the only surviving son of his parents' family. He attended school at Bucyrus and remembers many interesting events of the early days in the city's development. In June, 1853 he accompanied his parents to Wyandot county and for 28 years followed farming there, in 1884 moving to his present fine property near Oceola. In addition to raising the crops that do best in this section, Mr. Trish is successfully interested in live-stock and raises cattle, horses, sheep and hogs.

Mr. Trish married Miss Maria Shroll, who is a daughter of Levi Shroll, this family being one of the oldest in Crawford county. This marriage took place May 11, 1875 and five children have been born to them, all of whom survive, namely: George, Henry, Delta, Ray and Bessie. They all remain on the homestead, Henry being married, his wife having formerly been Miss Gertie Lacount, of Cleveland, O. Mr. Trish and sons are Democrats. He has always been an active citizen and while living in Wyandot county served as a township trustee and in other public positions.

ALBERT E. SHUMAKER, one of the substantial men of Whetstone township,

Crawford county, O., a general farmer and buyer and shipper of stock, resides on his 80-acre farm here and owns additionally ten acres to the east and 14 more acres to the northeast of the home tract. Mr. Shumaker was born in Crawford county, July 18, 1862, and is a son of Joel and Elmira (Weatherby) Shumaker.

Joel Shumaker was born in Pennsylvania and was a son of Jonathan and Hannah (Kuehner) Shumaker, the former of whom was born in Germany and the latter in Holland. Joel Shumaker learned the stone mason trade in his native place and was married in Pennsylvania to Elmira Weatherby, who was born in Lycoming county. Afterward the Shumaker and Weatherby families moved to Crawford county, O. In a terrible railroad accident on the crossing at North Robinson, Crawford county, on Feb. 26, 1887, both Mr. Shumaker and his father-in-law met death. He was a good man, a devout member of the United Brethren church and left a large family and many friends. His children were as follows: Angeline, who married William Allebach; Margaret, who married Isaac Reed; Sarah, who is now deceased; Almeda, who is the widow of F. O. Benedict; Ellen, who married James Stoneman; Albert E., the subject of this article; Edward, who is deceased; Charles; Nora, who married Flavins Kepler; and David. Both the father and mother of the above family rest in the Campbell cemetery, in Crawford county.

Albert E. Shumaker attended the public schools of Whetstone township and afterward was a student for 18 months in the university at Ada, O. Following his return home he engaged in farming through the summers for the next three years and taught school during the winters but since then has devoted his attention largely to agricultural pursuits. In 1901 he purchased his present home farm, formerly known as the Lininger farm, from the Smith heirs, and has done a large amount of improving including tiling, fencing, fertilizing and building, a fine barn having but recently been erected. In addition to the land above mentioned, Mr. Shumaker has a desirable building lot at Bucyrus in the Sommer Addition, of which section he is one of the stockholders, and he also has a handsome

residence at Galion. He is a man of much public spirit as well as private enterprise but he has not tied himself down to any particular political party, preferring to give his support to the men and measures his own judgment approves of. His public usefulness has been frequently recognized by his fellow citizens and he has served in Office, in 1892 being census enumerator of Jefferson township, in 1910 was land appraiser in Whetstone township and for many years has been a member of the school board. At present Mr. Shumaker is administrator of the Sarah Shumaker estate which is valued at \$3,500, and is also administrator of the Estate of Mary E. Heckert, valued at \$1,300. He also served as administrator of the estates of his father and father-in-law and for six years or until the death of Eliza Stailey, served as trustee of her Trust Fund, which was valued at \$2,665.

Mr. Shumaker was married Nov. 3, 1886, to Miss Ellen Smith, daughter of Jacob B. and Catherine (Stailey) Smith, and a granddaughter of Daniel and Christiana (Gelbaugh) Smith, and of William and Elizabeth (Whitmer) Stailey, all Pennsylvania people, except the mother of Mrs. Shumaker, who was born in Ohio. The father of Mrs. Shumaker served over three years in the Civil War as a member of Co. K, 81st O. Vol. Inf., and afterward engaged in farming until his death. Mrs. Smith survives and makes her home with her eldest child, Mrs. Shumaker. The other children are: John; Wallace; Pearl, who is the wife of William Hancock; and Amanda, who is the wife of W. M. Frost. Mr. and Mrs. Shumaker have six children: Harry Guy, Mayme, Warren, Victor, Velma and Anna. The eldest son married Viola Bowers. The family attend the United Brethren church. Mr. Shumaker is a leading member of Pope Grange, at Galion.

CHARLES W. SHEARER, who is one of the heirs to 180 acres of good farm land in Dallas township, was born in the town of Bucyrus, this county, in September, 1888, a son of Isaac and Vesta (Shellenberger) Shearer. His parental grandparents were John and Catherine (Miller) Shearer, and his grandparents Michael and Barbara Shearer, of Lancaster county, Pa. John Shearer, the grand-

father, was born in that county and his active years were devoted to farming. His wife, Catherine Miller Shearer, was a native of Germany who came to America when a child of six years. Both died and are buried in the Shearer cemetery in Whetstone township.

Isaac Shearer, father of Charles W., was born in Crawford county, O., in 1847. He was educated in the common schools and his active years were spent in agricultural pursuits. He was a Democrat in politics and attended the Evangelical church. Industrious and thrifty, he became the owner of about 180 acres of good land, and was a man respected for his personal qualities as a man and citizen. His death took place in November, 1907. His widow still resides on the homestead farm. The latter, Mrs. Vesta Elmira Shearer, was born in Mahoning county, Ohio, a daughter of John and Rachel (Paulin) Shellenberg, of that county. Her marriage to Mr. Shearer took place in November, 1872, and the children born were Charles Wesley (subject of this sketch), Milford Guy, Franklin Abraham, and two that died in infancy.

Charles W. Shearer in his boyhood attended the common schools of Dallas township and was trained to farm work by his father. In company with his brother Milford he now operates the home farm of 180 acres, which is well stocked with full blooded Jersey cattle. Charles W. Shearer was married in October, 1910, to Elma Wolf, a daughter of Jacob and Emma (Mitchell) Wolf, farmers of Wyandot county, whose children were Harley, Bessie, Claude, Elma, Grace, Russell, Hershel and Theodore. Mr. Shearer is independent in politics. The family attend the Evangelical church at Bucyrus.

JAMES E. HARROP,* of the firm of Harrop & Faulkner, conducting the leading livery business at Bucyrus and being heavy dealers and handlers of stock, is a man of long experience in this line. He was born Oct. 11, 1862, and is a son of Hugh and Catherine (Cover) Harrop.

Hugh Harrop was born in Lancastershire, England, in 1833, and when a young man aged about 22 years, came to the United States, the only member of his parents' family of twelve children. He worked as a machin-

ist in Philadelphia, for a time, having learned the trade in England, afterward coming to Ohio and finding employment in the Pennsylvania Railroad shops at Crestline and was thus engaged until his death in 1889. In 1864 he brought his parents, James and Ann Harrop, to America and they spent their declining years here under his filial care. He was married at Crestline, in 1861, to Catherine Cover, who was of Pennsylvania Dutch stock, a daughter of Hiram and Margaret (Pfeier) Cover, who were early settlers at Crestline. Mrs. Harrop was born in 1843 and died in 1900. She and her husband were members of the Methodist Episcopal church. Four children were born to Hugh Harrop and wife, namely: James E.; George A., born in September, 1864, who resides at South Bend, Ind., a contractor in very comfortable circumstances, and who has one son, Gale, a student of Harvard College; Frank H., born in October, 1866, who resides at Crestline, where he is foreman of the Pennsylvania Railroad shops, and who is married and has five children—Robert, Noel, Russell and two daughters; and Bertha, who is the wife of R. E. Miller, an attorney at South Bend, and has one son, Russell. The three sons of Hugh Harrop became skilled machinists like their father and all worked for a time at that trade and all have been successful as business men.

James E. Harrop was born at Crestline, O., and obtained his education in the public schools there. In that city he started into the livery business in 1887 and has continued in this line ever since. In 1890 he came to Bucyrus and since 1895 has been active in a commercial way here, entering into his present partnership, with James E. Faulkner in 1903, the latter having been in the stock buying business prior to that date. They combined the two and have since then done a very large business. They purchase largely in the West and sell in the East and manage their undertakings with good judgment and along practical lines and have met with a large degree of prosperity. Their livery stables accommodate some 40 horses, with outfits to match, carry also undertaking outfits and additionally have a central delivery system which they operate in the city and a similar system at Marion, O.

In June, 1886, Mr. Harrop was united in marriage with Miss Erma Zink, who was born in 1867, at Crestline, O. Her parents were David L. and Mary J. (Hall) Zink, both of whom were natives of Pennsylvania, born near Philadelphia. For 44 years after locating at Crestline, O., David L. Zink served as ticket and freight agent there for both the Pennsylvania and the Big Four Railroads. He still lives at Crestline but his wife passed away in 1900, when aged 70 years. Mr. and Mrs. Zink had four sons and three daughters, all of whom are living; all have married and all have families of their own. Their religious connection was with the Presbyterian church. To Mr. and Mrs. Harrop two sons were born: Hugh J., in 1893; and Spencer Howard, born in February, 1898. The older son is a graduate of the Bucyrus High School, while the younger is yet a student. Mr. Harrop and family belong to the Presbyterian church. Politically he is a Republican but has never been a politician. He is identified with the Masons, Elks and Maccabees.

FREDERICK KUEHNLE, owner of 80 acres of land, 40 of which are located in Whetstone township and the remainder in Bucyrus township, Crawford county, was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, in November, 1856, a son of Michael and Barbara (Sager) Kuehnle. The father died in Germany when our subject was six years old. The mother came to this country and died here. Their children were Christian, Carl and Frederick.

Frederick Kuehnle came to this country from Germany when 25 years of age and located in Brooklyn, N. Y., where he remained four months. He then spent a year in Philadelphia, after which he came to Crawford county and after working by the month for seven years, bought his present farm. He does general farming and raises stock for his own use.

On Feb. 7, 1904, Mr. Kuehnle was married to Mary Kober, a native of this county, whose parents were farmers in Richland township. Their children were as follows: Mary, Benjamin and Emma, deceased, who was the wife of August Minder. Our subject and his wife are the parents of one son Paul. Mr. Kuehnle

had been previously married, his first wife having been Catherine Yearling, a daughter of Peter and Elizabeth Yearling. She was the mother of one child, Charles, who is teaching school in Whetstone township.

Politically, Mr. Kuehnle is a Democrat. He and his family attend the German Lutheran Church.

JAMES MILLER, deceased, for many years was a highly respected citizen and successful general farmer in Holmes township, Crawford county, O., and was a member of one of the oldest families in this section, one that has always been held in high regard. He was born in Holmes township, Oct. 17, 1840 and died on his well improved farm of 160 acres, Aug. 17, 1898. His father, John Miller, was of German extraction and was well known all over Crawford county.

James Miller grew up on his father's farm and assisted in his father's agricultural activities until he married, when he came to the farm on which he spent the remainder of his busy and useful life. In leaving this fine property to his family he provided well for their future, having improved the place to a high degree and erected all the present substantial buildings. In politics he was a Democrat but was never very active in public matters and the only office he ever was willing to accept was that of school director. For many years he attended the Methodist Episcopal church and contributed to its support.

On July 3, 1862, James Miller was united in marriage with Miss Caroline Angene, who is a daughter of Adam and Barbara (Shearer) Angene. The father of Mrs. Miller was born in Germany and after coming to America located in Crawford county, O., where he lived until his death, and Mrs. Miller was three years old at that time and was reared near Brokensword, O. She is one of a family of 11 children and has two brothers and one sister living.

To Mr. and Mrs. Miller the following children were born: Frank, who lives at Toledo, O.; Charles, whose home is in Pennsylvania, a commercial traveler, who married Minnie Peck; Horace, who is engaged in the real estate business at Geneva, O., and who married Elva Dunlap and has three children—Earl,

Gorman and Beulah; Annie B., who is the wife of Harmon Claussen, of Milwaukee, Wis.; and Minnie May, who died December 11, 1890, when aged but 19 years. She was a beautiful and talented young woman and had just completed her college course. Mrs. Miller and children belong to the Methodist Episcopal church. Since the death of her husband she has had her farm rented to responsible tenants.

FULTON N. STUCKMAN, who resides with his mother, on the old homestead farm of 40 acres, situated in Bucyrus township, Crawford county, O., operating the same for her, also carries on farming and stock raising on his own farm of 44 acres. He was born on the home farm, Aug. 16, 1879, and is a son of Henry and Elizabeth (Speigle) Stuckman.

Henry Stuckman was a farmer in Bucyrus township for many years and was a well known and respected man. He died on his farm and his burial was at Bucyrus. In politics he was a Democrat and he attended and assisted in supporting Mt. Zion church. He was twice married, first to Elizabeth Snyder and after her death to Elizabeth Speigle. Two children were born to the first marriage: Irvin and Oattie, the latter of whom married Elmer Cook, and is now deceased. Four children were born to the second marriage, namely: Lena, who is the wife of L. H. Asenheimer; Fulton N.; and Regina and Bertha, both of whom are deceased.

In these modern days of change there are comparatively few people who have been able to pass their busy, useful lives in the place of their birth; but such has been the opportunity of Fulton N. Stuckman, and the old home that sheltered him as a child, continues to be his chosen place of residence. He carries on his farm industries here with success, raising excellent crops from his fertilized fields and enough good stock to satisfy all home demands.

On May 1, 1901, Mr. Stuckman was married to Miss Emma Sheff, who was born in Ashland county, O., a daughter of Martin Sheff and wife, who now reside on their farm in Wyandot county. To Mr. and Mrs. Sheff the following children were born: Mary, who is the wife of Amos Hite; Mrs. Stuckman;

Edward; Caroline, who is the wife of Ziba Beavers; and Albert, Elmer and Sarah. Mr. and Mrs. Stuckman have three sturdy bright little sons: Jesse, Park and Herbert. Mr. Stuckman and family belong to the Mt. Zion church. In politics he is a Democrat and has served on the township school board.

JOHN E. FAULKNER,* a member of the firm of Harrop & Faulkner, liverymen, at Bucyrus, O., and one of the well known business men of that city, is a member of one of the old English families that came to the United States in 1850 and since then has contributed to the best citizenship of this country. Edward Faulkner, father of John E., was born in England, in 1844, and died at Bucyrus, Jan. 11, 1909. His parents were Joseph and Mary (Porter) Faulkner and prior to coming to America the father conducted a hotel near London. The family settled in Crawford county, O.

The late Edward Faulkner was one of the best known men of Crawford county. He was a stock dealer and trader and had extensive business connections and through uprightness of character and honest dealing, he secured the respect and esteem of those with whom he became associated. During the Civil War he served as a soldier in Co. I, 150th O. Vol. Inf., making several attempts to enlist before he was finally accepted and served until about the close of the war, participating in many engagements but being fortunate enough to escape both wounds and imprisonment. Nature had endowed him with a mathematical mind and his talent was cultivated and often proved of great value to him. In his large dealings he frequently could calculate the amount per pound of a herd of cattle or flock of sheep, in a few seconds, problems that would require hours of work with both brains and pencil, in another less gifted dealer. He was thoroughly posted on the topography of the county, was familiar with every highway, had knowledge of every farm and its history and was personally acquainted with the larger number of owners. Politically he was as staunch a Republican as his brothers were Democrats. He married Mary Knisley, a daughter of John and Elizabeth Knisley, this being an old Crawford

county family. Mrs. Faulkner survives and resides at Bucyrus. Four children were born to Edward Faulkner and wife, namely: George W., who is engaged in the plumbing business at Bucyrus; Irene, who is the wife of J. C. Fisher, of Toledo, O.; John E. and Joseph, who represents a business house of Dayton, O., at Oakland, Calif., and who is married and has two sons.

John E. Faulkner obtained his education in the Bucyrus schools. In partnership with James E. Harrop he is doing a large business in the shipping of horses and other stock and they also conduct a first class livery stable. They are men of enterprise and their standing in business circles is high.

Mr. Faulkner was married in Marion county, O., to Miss Josephine Sickle, who was born there in 1877, a daughter of Joshua Sickle, who died before she was born. She is the only survivor of the family now living in this city. Mr. and Mrs. Faulkner have two children: Edward, born Dec. 5, 1888; and Marjorie, born Jan. 25, 1900. The family attends the English Lutheran church. Politically Mr. Faulkner is a Republican and fraternally he is connected with the Elks and the Eagles.

CHARLES K. WELLER, superintendent of Oakwood Cemetery, at Bucyrus, O., and a well known and respected citizen, owning a handsome residence on the corner of Spring and Center streets, Bucyrus, was born in Sandusky township, Crawford county, Aug. 19, 1873. He is a son of Peter and Melissa (Kaler) Weller.

The father of Mr. Weller was born in Germany but for many years has been a valued citizen of Crawford county and now lives retired at Bucyrus. For some 15 years he served as postmaster at West Liberty and afterward was engaged in clerical work until he retired. He is a Democrat in politics and is a leading member of the Lutheran church. He married Melissa Kaler, who was born in Crawford county, and died in March, 1902, and her burial was in Oakwood Cemetery. Peter Weller was married second to Mary Jenner, but his children were both born to his first union. They were two in number: Charles K. and Vella May, the latter of whom

died in November, 1910 and was the wife of Frank Shell.

Charles K. Weller obtained a common school training and for five years afterward was engaged in clerical work in Bucyrus and then learned the carriage painting trade, which he followed for some years. In 1902 he was appointed superintendent of the Oakwood Cemetery and under his care this burial place has become one of the most beautiful gardens of the dead in the state.

On Dec. 29, 1897, Mr. Weller was married, by Rev. Jacob Henry Cutter, pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, to Miss Laura L. Kibler, who was born in Crawford county, and is a daughter of Jacob and Rose (Hariger) Kibler. Mr. Kibler was born in Germany and was a well known farmer in Crawford county. He was married here to Rose Hariger and they had the following children: Lucinda, who is the wife of Daniel Klink; Matilda, who is the wife of Theodore Lyons, and a twin sister of Lucinda; Emma, who is the wife of William Miller; John; and Laura L., who is the wife of Mr. Weller. Mr. and Mrs. Weller have one son, Perry Robert. They are members of the English Lutheran church. He is an independent voter in politics but is active in the Masonic body at Bucyrus.

A. M. ZOOK, one of the prominent citizens of Tod township, Crawford county, O., who carries on farming and stock raising, owning 160 acres of valuable land, was born in Dallas township, Crawford county, within one and three-fourth miles of his home place, Nov. 17, 1855, and is a son of J. B. and Samantha (Spahr) Zook.

J. B. Zook was born in Pennsylvania and was already a young man when he accompanied his parents to Crawford county, locating near Bucyrus, where he engaged in teaching school for a time and then bought 80 acres of land, the same being now owned by his grandson. With the exception of a few years passed in the city of Bucyrus, he spent the rest of his life on that farm, his death occurring there when his age was 65 years. He married Samantha Spahr, who was born in Crawford county, and they had but one child, A. M. After the death of his first wife he married Nancy J. Good, and one son was also

born to that union, Lloyd, who is now a resident of Bucyrus.

A. M. Zook attended the country schools and when the time came to choose an occupation, decided on farming. He located first on a farm of 80 acres from which he moved, July 25, 1888, to his present place. He carried on agricultural operations here until the death of his wife, after which he rented his farm for five years. After his second marriage he returned to the farm on which he has made excellent improvements, including the erection of new and substantial buildings.

Mr. Zook was married first to Miss Sadie Swartz, who died in 1903, leaving two children: Vitellius, residing on his farm of 65 acres, situated in Dallas township, who married Jeanetta Tate and has two children—Merritt and Violet; and a babe that died. Mr. Zook's second marriage was to Miss Catherine Lust, a daughter of Israel Lust. They are active members of the United Brethren church. In politics Mr. Zook is a Republican and for six years was a trustee of Tod township, the first one ever elected on the Republican ticket, and for nine years was a justice of the peace in Dallas township. Few men in this section have traveled farther or more enjoyably than has Mr. Zook, his journeyings taking him to Newfoundland, Canada, and all over the United States and even to Cuba. In large part his trips have been hunting expeditions and four times he has sought moose in the Maine forests, twice has been after game in Michigan and Wisconsin as well as Florida and intermediate points. He has many trophies, each one of which has an interesting history.

GEORGE SAND, who cultivates his fine farm of 210 acres, situated in Bucyrus township, Crawford county, O., with a great deal of care, was born in France, in 1864, and is a son of George and Margaret (Witter) Sand.

The parents of Mr. Sand were also born in France, where they were reared and married and came to Ohio when their son George was young. The other children born to this marriage were Michael K. and John. The father married again after the death of his first wife and they now live at Nevada, O., and have the

following children: Anna, wife of George Guger, and Clara, wife of William Price.

George Sand had the usual school opportunities in his youth and has been engaged in farming ever since and with an experience of some 30 years may lay just claim to understand his business, especially when he has proved that success has followed his efforts. He devotes his land to the crops that do best in this section and raises some good stock.

Mr. Sand was married Feb. 11, 1892, to Miss Grace Rosa Mayer, a daughter of Jacob Mayer. Her parents never came to the United States but she has one brother, George, and a sister, Mary, wife of William Kline, living in this country. To Mr. and Mrs. Sand the following children have been born: Alfred M., Antonia B., William G., John H., C. Frederick; Clarence M., Bertha A. M., Milford C., and Irvin R. Mr. Sand and family attend the German Lutheran church. He votes the Democratic ticket. Mr. Sand is a well known and highly respected citizen of Bucyrus township.

JOHN A. MECK,* justice of the peace and a member of the Bucyrus bar, has long been well known to the people of Crawford county, in which section of Ohio may be found a host of his friends. He is a native of Crawford county, born in Lykens township, Feb. 19, 1858.

Mr. Meck was educated in the public schools and at the Ohio Normal School at Ada, O., and after completing the educator's course in the institution, commenced to teach school. For the following six years or more he alternated school teaching and working on the home farm. After coming to Bucyrus he studied law with the late Hon. S. R. Harris, formerly member of Congress from this district. In 1902 he was appointed a justice of the peace and so satisfactory has been his service in this capacity that he has made many friends who would like to see him elected to the office of probate judge, believing that he possesses in unusual degree the qualities which are needed on the bench. He has been quite active in political circles for a number of years and has been an efficient worker for the Democratic party. Formerly he was identified with the Masonic lodge at Bucyrus.

Mr. Meck is unmarried.

T. JOHN LUTZ, who resides on his valuable farm of seventy-six acres, situated in Bucyrus township, Crawford county, O., owns a second farm, which contains 146 acres and is located in Ashtabula county, O. He was born in Chatfield township, Crawford county, in December, 1860, and is a son of Michael and Sabina (Kalb) Lutz.

The parents of Mr. Lutz were born in Germany but for many years they were well known and highly respected residents of Chatfield township, Crawford county, where the father was a farmer and also followed the carpenter trade. Both he and wife died in Chatfield township and a number of their children live in this section. Of these T. John was the sixth in order of birth, the others being: William; Sabina, who is the widow of Mathias Loyer; Michael; Catherine, who is the wife of J. D. Loyer; Caroline; Lucy, who is the wife of Frank Rush; David; Matilda, who is the wife of J. H. Fox; and Daniel and Jacob.

T. John Lutz attended the public schools near his father's farm and afterward spent three terms at college, at Valparaiso, Ind. A well educated man makes no mistake when he chooses farming as his life work and Mr. Lutz has proved this true. When he started he bought 100 acres of land in Cranberry township, which he bought from a Mr. Rader, but since 1903 he has been on his present farm in Bucyrus township, which he purchased from C. F. Rexroth.

In June, 1882 Mr. Lutz was married to Miss Mary Elizabeth Zeller, who died in 1904. She was a daughter of Frederick and Elizabeth (Bardon) Zeller, who came to Crawford county from Germany and after many years died on their farm here. They had the following children: Margaret, wife of N. F. Shunk; Elizabeth, wife of John O. Shunk; Catherine; Christina, wife of M. J. Lutz; Henry; Martha; August; Matilda, wife of S. E. Miller, Mary Elizabeth, formerly wife of T. John Lutz; and John, Albert and Etta. Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Lutz: Cyrus Pierce, Clifton D. and Ruth, the last named being deceased. Mr. Lutz was married (second) to Mrs. Ida (Lewis) Jackson, widow of Thomas J. Jackson, and she had one child of her first marriage, Bertie Elmyra. Mr. Jackson died in Huron county,

O. In politics Mr. Lutz has always been a Democrat and on many occasions has been elected to responsible township offices on the Democratic ticket. He has served as a member of the school board and in Chatfield township served as road supervisor and three terms as assessor. He is one of the valued members of the Bucyrus Grange, and with his wife belongs to the English Lutheran church in that city.

JOSEPH LEITZY, farmer, stock raiser and leading citizen of Holmes township, Crawford county, O., resides on his farm of 100 acres and has an additional 40 acres in Bucyrus township. He was born in Holmes township, Aug. 7, 1876, and is a son of Francis and Susanna (Smith) Leitz.

Francis Leitz was born in Germany and was young when he came to the United States and spent the larger portion of his long life in Crawford county, O., settling first near Bucyrus and later moving to the place now owned by his son Joseph, four miles west of that city. He carried on farming and raised stock, was an honest, industrious man and one who was highly respected. He lived to be 84 years old. He married Susanna Smith, who died in her 55th year, and they had eight children born to them, as follows: Rosanna, who is the wife of Philip Strohm; Catherine, who is the wife of George Strohm; Mary, who is the wife of Jacob Steiger; John, who lives in Dallas township, Crawford county; Louisa, who is the wife of Fred Schufer of Bucyrus; William, who lives at Bucyrus; Joseph; and George, who is deceased.

Joseph Leitz remained at home and assisted his father and after the latter's death bought the interests of the other heirs. He is a practical, well informed farmer with a thorough understanding of the principles of agriculture and their appliance to his own land and has been very successful in his undertakings. He has a very attractive place, having erected substantial buildings and keeping everything in excellent order.

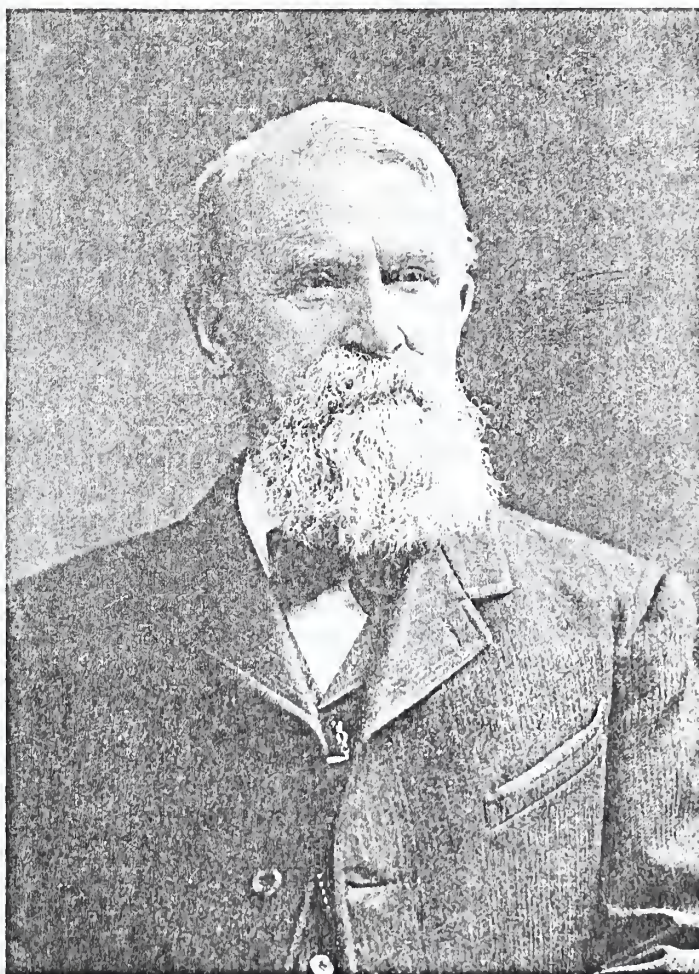
Mr. Leitz was married (first) to Miss Elizabeth Wisman, who died in 1908, leaving one daughter, Mary. He was married (second) to Miss Verda Wisman. They are members of the Martin Luther Church at Bucyrus

in which Mr. Leitz is a deacon. In politics Mr. Leitz is a staunch Democrat. He served three years as township supervisor, with the greatest efficiency, and at present is a school director.

ALFRED C. GEORGE, whose fine farm of 148 acres is situated in Dallas township, Crawford county, O., has been a resident of Crawford county for a number of years but his birth took place in Morrow county, Jan. 14, 1874, his parents, John and Elizabeth (McCracken) George, being also natives of Morrow county. They were well known people, were members of the Baptist church, and lived comfortably on their well improved farm, which continued to be their home until the close of life. They had the following family of children born to them: Margaret, deceased, who was the wife of Perry Purvis; Julia, deceased, who was the wife of William Reed; Mary, who married Theodore Stafford; William; Jennie, who is the wife of Thomas Cluff; Benjamin; Thomas, who is deceased; Abbie, who is the wife of Harry Clark; John A.; Hannah, who married (first) James Clark, and (second) a Mr. Fleming; Alfred C., and Callie, who is deceased.

Alfred C. George obtained his educational training in the public schools and remained on the home farm with his father until he was 24 years of age. For about two years afterward he rented land in Bucyrus township and then bought his present farm, 68 acres from Daniel Aumiller and 80 acres from Charles Dowdy. He has improved his property and recently has erected a substantial modern barn. A general line of farming is carried on and he has every reason to feel satisfied with his present agricultural success and its future promise.

On April 4, 1906, Mr. George was married to Miss Mabel Beall, who was born in Crawford county, and is a daughter of John and Annetta (Wentz) Beall. The father of Mrs. George is deceased but the mother lives and resides in Dallas township. The Bealls were early settlers and substantial people of this part of Crawford county. Mrs. George has three brothers, one older, Arthur, and two younger, Walter and Edgar. Mr. and Mrs. George have one daughter, Elizabeth Annetta. They are members of the Christian Church.



JAMES S. MCCARRELL, D. D. S.

Mr. George is a Democrat in politics and belongs also to the Knights of Pythias lodge at Bucyrus.

JAMES S. MCCARRELL, D. D. S., deceased, for 44 years was one of the leading professional men of Bucyrus, where, also as a citizen, he was held in respect and esteem. He was born Feb. 14, 1835, in Armstrong county, Pa., and died at Bucyrus, O., May 3, 1909. He was one of a family of three sons and one daughter born to Rev. James McCarrell, who, at one time was a prominent minister in the United Presbyterian church in Pennsylvania.

James S. McCarrell had school advantages, his father being a scholarly man, and early became a teacher. When the Civil War broke out he and his two brothers enlisted for service but serious illness caused his discharge on account of disability, while his brothers survived the early hardships of army life only to die later of starvation in the stockade at Andersonville, Ga. He resumed teaching and later became superintendent of the public schools of Beaver Falls, Pa. He completed his studies in dentistry at New Brighton, Pa., and in 1865 came to Bucyrus and established himself here where his subsequent life was spent. He was one of the most successful practitioners of dental surgery in this city, his long experience and scientific skill qualifying him for all ordinary dental work and for those delicate operations which, in his later years, served to elevate the profession to its present high plane, with which he made himself thoroughly familiar. He was a member of the Ohio State Dental Association and in many lines of dental practice was considered an authority. For many years he was identified with the Masonic fraternity. He called himself a Democrat but was always independent in his views.

Dr. McCarrell was married at Bucyrus to Miss Mary A. Matthews, who was born in 1837, at Utica, N. Y., and was three years old when her parents moved to Sandusky, O. Her grandfather, Rev. Robert Matthews, was a native of Bath, England. He was possessed of means and for forty years devoted his life to the free ministry of the Baptist church. Robert Matthews, Jr., father of Mrs. McCar-

rell was educated in England. He married Mary Kelly, of Troy, N. Y. and afterward settled permanently at Sandusky, O., where Mr. Matthews continued in business until his death. His widow subsequently married James Paul and they had one son, Charles. She lived into old age and died at Sandusky. Mrs. McCarrell has one surviving brother, William Matthews, of Sandusky. To Dr. and Mrs. McCarrell three children were born: James, who died when aged three years and eight months; Maud, who is the wife of Edward George Reid, a prominent citizen of Bucyrus; and Susan, who resides with her mother. Mrs. McCarrell is a member of the Presbyterian church and Miss Susan of the Episcopal church. They are well known in social circles here.

Mrs. McCarrell had an exceedingly trying experience at one time in her life. She was attending the performance at Ford's Theater, Washington, D. C., on that memorable occasion when President Lincoln was fatally shot by the assassin, J. Wilkes Booth.

CHARLES H. LANIUS, passenger agent at Galion, O., has been identified with the C. C. and B. I. and now Big Four R. R., at this point since 1870 and is one of the best known railroad men on the line. He was born at Kelshausen, Kreises Wetzlar, Prussia, Dec. 26, 1848, a son of Peter and Elizabeth (Sames) Lanus.

The parents of Mr. Lanus were also of German birth and parentage. During the Revolution of 1848 Peter Lanus became involved and in the spring of 1849 embarked with his wife and infant son on a vessel sailing for America. After a voyage of three months the travelers were safely landed in the harbor of New York and from there made their way to Buffalo and then to Sandusky, O. From that place, in a grain wagon, then denominated a land schooner, the German family reached Galion. At first Peter Lanus accepted farm work at 35 cents a day, a small wage but in that day it purchased more than double the amount that it would at the present time. Later, for many years he was in the draying business at Galion and his death occurred in this city in 1886, when he was aged 63 years, having survived his wife for five

years. They were members of the First Reformed church and were highly respected by all who gained their acquaintance. The family contained four sons and two daughters, there being three sons yet living, namely: Charles H.; William P., who is general yardmaster with the B. & O. Railroad at Lorain, O.; and John, who is a car inspector for the Big Four, at Galion.

Charles H. Lanius was reared and attended school at Galion and in 1870 entered the employ of the C. C. C. and B. I. now Big Four R. R. In 1878 he was made ticket and express clerk and continued until 1907, when he was made passenger agent.

Mr. Lanius was married at Galion to Miss Catherine Sittler, who was born here, a daughter of John Sittler, who was born in Dodenau, Hesse Darmstadt and married at Galion, where he died aged 44 years. By trade he was a cooper. The mother of Mrs. Lanius, was born at New Philadelphia, O., and died at the age of 68 years. Mr. and Mrs. Lanius have six children, namely: Frederick, agent of Big Four R. R., at Galion, who married Zula Belle Cutchfield and has three children—Ralph, Vivian and Dean; Mary, who passed the grammar grade, and follows the dress-making trade; Ora, who is a clerk in a dry goods store and a graduate of Galion High School; Carl, train director for the Pennsylvania lines at Pittsburg, Pa., who married Cora Clark; Otto, who is with the C. and E. I. Railway, at Danville, Ill., and Cleo, also a graduate of Galion High School, who is a stenographer, in the Big Four Railway offices at Galion. All the children have been given educational advantages and all stand well in their communities. Mr. and Mrs. Lanius have reared their family in the faith of the First Reformed church. Fraternally Mr. Lanius is a Blue Lodge Mason, and in his political sentiments he prefers to be free from party ties.

SAMUEL BAKER, whose death on Sept. 15, 1910, deprived Dallas township of a good and worthy citizen, was born in Whetstone township, this county, Sept. 22, 1845, son of Benaiah and Mary (Houck) Baker. His parents were natives of Pickaway county and were farmers. They had nine children, namely: Rebecca, who married Thomas Ken-

nedy; William; Phillip; John; Matilda, wife of Marcus Hemphill; Samuel, subject of this sketch; Lucinda, wife of George Miller; Polly, who was the wife of William Crissinger; and David, who perished in the Civil war.

Samuel Baker was educated in the common schools and was brought up to farming, which occupation he followed for the rest of his life. Politically he was a Democrat and though not particularly active in township affairs was recognized as a capable farmer and reliable citizen, exercising usually a sound judgment on matters of public interest. He was married Oct. 14, 1869 to Lydia Jane Kennedy, a daughter of William and Margaret (Shank) Kennedy.

Mrs. Baker's parents were born in Pennsylvania and both came to Ohio when young. After their marriage they took up farming in Marion county. Their children were Lydia Jane, above mentioned; Thomas S., a farmer of Dallas township, where and elsewhere he owns large tracts of agricultural property, being also a stockholder in the Farmers and Citizens Bank of Bucyrus, and whose wife was in maidenhood Esther F. Monnett; Martha, now deceased, who was the wife of George Watts; James William, of whom we have no special record; Emma, who is the wife of Madison Roberts; Zilla, who is the present wife of George Watts; and Margaret Ellen, who is the wife of John Hill. After the death of Mrs. Margaret Kennedy, Mrs. Baker's mother, William Kennedy married for his second wife Mary A. Lance and they had born to them a daughter, Samira, who is the wife of Ellsworth J. Jones. Mrs. Baker's grandparents on the paternal side were Thomas and Nancy Kennedy, and on the maternal side, Jacob and Lydia Shank.

The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Baker have been as follows: Della, who married Charles Garver and whose children are C. Marion, Marvin J. and Jane Ermyntude; William P., who married Icy Birdilla Blowers and has two children—William Carl and Daniel Earl; Thomas, who married Rose Shell and whose children are Ernest, Cleo and Mildred; David, who resides in the state of California; Roda; Sylvia; Idro, wife of Jay Stoltz has one child, Treva Fern; Vernon J. and Hertha. The Baker family in general attend

the Methodist church. They are numbered among the good citizenship of Crawford county, in the development and upbuilding of which they are taking an active and useful part. Mrs. Baker herself owns 80 acres in Dallas township, which came to her from her father, William Kennedy.

JACOB LUST, whose well improved farm of 150 acres lies in Holmes township, Crawford county, O., on the Oceola road, four miles west of Bucyrus, was born in Lykens township, Crawford county, March 17, 1855, and is a son of David and Catherine (Yeiter) Lust.

David Lust came of German ancestry but was born in Marion county, O., and in 1828 accompanied an uncle to Crawford county and resided in Chatfield township until after his marriage. He then moved to Lykens township and for many years carried on farming but is now retired, being in his 84th year. He married Catherine Yeiter, who was born in New Jersey and was brought to Crawford county in youth. Ten children, six sons and four daughters were born to them and all survive except one daughter, Mrs. Lydia Stump, the next to the youngest born. The others are: Jacob; Mrs. Elizabeth Heiber; Simon, of Liberty township; Noah, of Whetstone township; Mrs. Mary Cook, of Bucyrus; Wesley, of Holmes township; Mrs. Sarah Hayden, who resides with her father; Abraham, of Holmes township; and Amos, who is the home farmer.

Jacob Lust obtained his education in the district schools and afterward engaged in farming in Liberty and Bucyrus townships prior to coming to his present place, Aug. 17, 1893. He has greatly improved this property since it came into his possession and has a valuable and well stocked farm. Mr. Lust married Miss Amanda Brown, a daughter of John Brown, who was born in Germany. They have had six children, namely: Verne, who married Ora Benson and has two children—Florence and Fairy; an infant, deceased; Effie, who died at the age of fifteen years; Roy, who married Elsie Schifer and has two children—Norma and Fred; and Leora and Raymond, who remain at home. Politically Mr. Lust is a staunch Democrat and he has served in the office of township trustee and is

a member of the school board, the District No. 9 school-house being on his farm. Mr. Lust and family attend the Lutheran church. They are all well known and highly respected people of this section.

SAMUEL F. WEIDEMAIER, who, for 25 years has resided on his present exceedingly valuable farm of 280 acres, which is situated in Bucyrus township, Crawford county, O., is a representative man of this section, one who is held in high esteem by all who know him. He was born in Marion county, O., March 28, 1860, and is a son of Peter and Christina (Diegle) Weidemaier.

Peter Weidemaier was born in Germany and came to America in youth and became a farmer in Marion county, O. There he married Christina Diegle, who was born in Marion county, of German parents, and there they lived until the end of their lives, being quiet, good, thrifty and religious people. They had the following children born to them: Samuel F., Jacob, Daniel Joseph, Thomas and Minnie, all of whom survive except Daniel and Minnie.

Samuel F. Weidemaier was trained to farm pursuits by his father, with whom he remained until he was 28 years of age. Since he has been in business for himself many of the farm methods have changed and improved machinery has taken the place of former wearying hand work, but the principles remain the same. For 16 years Mr. Weidemaier rented the farm he then bought, purchasing it from the heirs of Daniel Stump, who was his father-in-law. He has made improvements as he has deemed them necessary and since taking charge of the property has probably doubled its value. He engages in a general farming line. In 1887 he was married to Miss Louisa Stump, a daughter of Daniel and Elizabeth (Zimmerman) Stump, and they have two sons, Arthur and Wesley. In politics Mr. Weidemaier is a Democrat. With his family he belongs to the German Methodist church, of which he is a trustee and in which he has served as Sunday-school superintendent.

CHAS. F. MATTHEW, who served Crawford county in the office of recorder for six consecutive years and is now engaged in the abstract, insurance and real estate business at

Bucyrus, O., has been a resident of this city for over a half century. He was born in Seneca county, O., July 3, 1854, and is a son of Charles M. Matthew.

Charles M. Matthew was born in one of the Rhine provinces of Germany and in 1847, during the insurrection, left Germany and came to America, locating in the Lake Superior region and some time later removed to Scipio, in Seneca county, O., where he followed the trade of cabinetmaker. There he married Margaret Shock, who was born in Bavaria, Germany, and had been brought to America by her parents when she was a child. After the birth of three of their seven children, they moved to Bucyrus, where the remainder of their quiet, virtuous, useful lives were spent, the mother dying in 1885 and the father surviving until 1905, he being then in his 76th year. They were members of the German Reformed church. Politically he was a Democrat. Six of the family of children still live and four reside at Bucyrus.

Chas. F. Matthew was the eldest born of his parents' children and was six years old when the family came to Bucyrus. Here his education was attended to and he was usefully employed in various ways until 1880, when he went to work in his father's furniture store and became a partner in 1885 and continued in the business for the next ten years. In 1897 he was appointed deputy county recorder and in 1903 was elected recorder and filled out two terms in this office with marked efficiency. In the meanwhile he had become interested in abstract work and later opened an abstract office and, in connection with his other interests, continues the same. In 1909 he became associated with Milton R. Lewis in the insurance and real estate business at Bucyrus and theirs is a busy office in the News Forum Building at Bucyrus.

Mr. Matthew was married in Pennsylvania to Miss Kate B. Schack, who was born in the state of New York but was reared at Wilcox, Pa. They have two children: Eva A., who was born in 1878 and is the wife of Dr. F. C. McGaughy, a well known dentist of Galion, O., and Fred A., who is interested in mining in Mexico. Mr. and Mrs. Matthew are members of the Presbyterian church. Politically he is a Democrat and formerly was active as a Knight of Pythias.

ALBERT J. SEELE, whose excellent farm of 93 acres lies in Bucyrus township, Crawford county, O., was born in Holmes township, Crawford county, Feb. 19, 1857, and is a son of Emil and Catherine (Spade) Seele.

Emil Seele was born in Germany and was 16 years old when he came to America and located in Crawford county. He learned and followed the shoemaking trade for some years but later became a farmer in Holmes township, where he died. He was a highly respected man, a faithful member of the German Lutheran church, and a Democrat in politics. He married Catherine Spade, who was born in Stark county, O., and she also is deceased, through life having been a member of the German Reformed church. They had the following children: Malinda, who married Charles Gerstenberger; Edward; Matilda, who married Abraham Ditty; George Delmar; Albert J.; Celestia, who married Daniel Smith; and William, Clarence, and Charles Westley.

Albert J. Seele attended school until he was 12 years of age and then began to help his father on the home farm and remained until he was 30 years of age, farming having been his business through life. For 14 years Mr. Seele rented land, having his present farm rented for ten years before buying it, in Feb., 1901, from David W. Nussbaum. He has made improvements since becoming its owner and still continues these and has a valuable property. He carries on general farming and raises stock but only enough for his own use.

On December 12, 1887, Mr. Seele was married to Miss Ellen Rupert, a daughter of Solomon and Lydia (Haas) Rupert. The father of Mrs. Seele was born in Stark county, O., and the mother is Lykens township, this county. They lived on a farm in Lykens township. They had three children: Aaron, Ellen and Emery. Mr. and Mrs. Seele have one son, James Carson, who was born Oct. 2, 1888 and assists his father. He is a member of Co. A, O. N. G., at Bucyrus. Mr. and Mrs. Seele attend the English Lutheran church. Both Mr. Seele and son are Democrats, and James C. Seele belongs fraternally to the Jr. O. U. A. M., at Bucyrus.

C. R. SHECKLER, M. D., who is the oldest resident physician of Brokensword, Crawford county, O., to which place he came in

1882, was born at Bucyrus, O., in 1856, and is a son of Edward F. and Adeline (Shawk) Sheckler.

Edward F. Sheckler was of German parentage but was born in Pennsylvania and from there came to Crawford county in young manhood. For many years afterward he conducted a tailoring establishment at Bucyrus and his death occurred at the home of his son, Dr. Sheckler, when he was aged 67 years. He married Adeline Shawk, who passed away at Bucyrus some years before her husband. They had four children, namely: C. R.; Nettie, who married E. J. Williams, a teacher and fruit farmer in the State of Washington; J. Thompson, who is also a resident of Washington, a carpenter by trade; and Edward, who also follows carpentering in Washington.

C. R. Sheckler attended the public schools of Bucyrus and with a local physician did his preliminary medical reading and then entered the Columbus Medical College, Columbus, O., where he was graduated in 1877. He commenced practice at North Robinson, Crawford county, where he continued for six years and then came to Brokensword and made this pleasant town his permanent home. His practice covers a wide territory and few men are better known in this section. As a citizen he has been active in advancing the interests of the place and has taken much interest in educational matters and has served on the board of education.

Dr. Sheckler married Miss Catherine Bogan, a daughter of Samuel Bogan of North Robinson, and they have three children: Ralph, a railroad man, who married Catherine Gallagher of Fort Wayne, Ind., and has one child; and Adeline and Archie B., both of whom reside at home. In politics Dr. Sheckler is a Democrat and fraternally belongs to the order of Foresters.

JOHN PARCHER,* farmer, and one of the leading citizens of Dallas township, was born in Bucyrus township, Crawford county, O., Sept. 16, 1846, a son of Daniel and Mary (McNeal) Parcher. His father was a native of this county, while his mother was from Pennsylvania. Daniel Parcher was a carpenter by trade and also followed farming to

some extent. In politics he was a Democrat. He and his wife are both deceased and their remains rest in Bucyrus cemetery. Their children were: John, whose name appears at the head of this sketch; Juliet, wife of Josiah Keckler; Wellington, Benjamin, Allison, Edith (deceased), George, Daniel, and Elizabeth and Alexander, who are both deceased.

John Parcher was educated only in the common schools so far as literary attainments are concerned, but his education in the school of life has been broader and more comprehensive, and in it he has learned many things that are not taught by schoolmasters. Having been trained to agriculture, from his youth up he has followed farming as his regular occupation and now owns 120 acres of excellent land in Dallas township, which is well cultivated and cared for. His buildings are convenient and substantial and he is recognized as one of the prosperous citizens of the community. He has owned his present farm for about 15 years, but has lived on it for about 34 years altogether; it was formerly known as the Wesley White farm. In connection with his general farming operations, Mr. Parcher keeps enough stock for his own use. He is a Democrat in politics and has been sufficiently active to serve in public office. He was county commissioner for six years and has also served as township trustee.

Mr. Parcher was married Jan. 1, 1868 to Adelia Wilson, a daughter of Daniel and Sarah (Taylor) Wilson, the former a native of Crawford county, while Mrs. Wilson was from Ross county. Mr. Wilson was an active man among the early settlers of this section; he was both a farmer and merchant, his mercantile operations including a considerable trade in furs, which he bought from the Indians. There were thirteen children in the Wilson family, namely: John, Mary, Richard, Susan, Samuel, Malissa, William, Sarah, Daniel, Rachel, David, Adelia and Olive—a good stock contributing to form that high grade of citizenship for which the state of Ohio is noted. The same may be said of the children of Mr. and Mrs. Parcher, ten in number, who are as follows: Jesse; Mary E., wife of G. L. Shemer; Susannah, who is now deceased; Clara, also deceased; Lewis; Alma, wife of C. O. Shemer; John Grover;

Clarence; Calvin, deceased; and Delcie. Mr. and Mrs. Parcher and family attend the Methodist church, while Mr. Parcher is a member of the Royal Arcanum lodge at Bucyrus.

JACOB GEIGER, a well known business man of Bucyrus is the proprietor of the Bucyrus Copper Kettle Works, a large and well equipped plant which gives employment to many people. He was born in Rhenish Bavaria, 75 years ago, and was three years of age when his parents with their family came to this country, settling near Chatfield. At the age of 14 Mr. Geiger came to Bucyrus, where he was employed as a clerk by A. P. Widman, then a prominent dry-goods merchant. He remained with Mr. Widman about four years, then accepted a position as clerk and bookkeeper in the dry-goods store of J. P. Bowman. Later he went to Hayesville where he attended school. Returning to Bucyrus Mr. Geiger clerked for several years, and in the fall of 1863 with Daniel Picking formed a partnership known as Picking & Geiger. This firm bought out the former hardware business of E. Blair, and conducted a hardware store, with Mr. Geiger as manager. In 1874 this firm started the manufacture of Copper Kettles for boiling apple butter.

Mr. Geiger remained in this business until the spring of 1879 when he sold his interest to D. Picking & Co. He then erected the first building of the Bucyrus Copper Kettle Works, and in the fall of 1879 formed a partnership with Philip E. Bush for the manufacture of copper kettles. To increase the business, other lines of kettles have been added from time to time, and as it became necessary there were additions built to the plant. Since the death of Mr. Bush in 1907, the business has been continued under the old firm name of Geiger & Bush, but Mr. Geiger has been sole proprietor. He is still actively engaged in managing the business and is assisted by his son, J. D. Geiger.

Mr. Geiger was married June 6, 1877, at Bucyrus to Millie Fenner. They have two children, Judson Dale, a graduate of Rose Polytechnic Institute, who is associated with his father in the business, and Alberta, (B. Lit., Oxford College) who is the wife of Charles W. Kern.

GEORGE BEARD, an agriculturist of Dallas township, where he operates his farm of 81¼ acres, came here on April 8, 1911, from Tod township, where he had lived since 1859 with the exception of one year spent in Wyandot county. The family had previous to 1859 been located in Richland county, Ohio. Mr. Beard was born in Germany, May 12, 1847, but was brought to this country when seven years of age. After a residence of seven years in Richland county, O., which was his first home in the United States, he came to Crawford county, this being, as before stated, in 1859. Mr. Beard is a son of Jacob and Josephine (Reichley) Beard, natives of Germany, who are both now deceased and buried at Nevada, Ohio.

After coming to this country Jacob Beard engaged in farming and in this way the rest of his life was spent. He was a Democrat in his political views and he and his wife were Lutherans in religious faith. Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Beard reared a family of eight children, as follows: John, George, Mary, Cresia, Hattie, Fannie, Anna and Susan. Mary became the wife of Barrick Holmes; Cresia is married to A. D. Mulford; Annie is the wife of George Christy; and Susan, who is now deceased, was the wife of Reuben Wilcox.

George Beard grew up on the home farm and received the common school education generally afforded the youths of his day. He has since that time spent his life in agricultural pursuits with the exception of one year, when he lived retired at Nevada, Ohio. He does general farming and has been so successful in his undertakings that he now needs the services of hired men to help him. He raises stock for his own use.

In 1874 Mr. Beard was married to Mary Feichner, who was born in Crawford county. She is a daughter of John and Rose Ann (Cafeir) Feichner, who were well known farming people of Liberty township, Crawford county. They are both deceased and buried in Liberty township, one mile north of Sulphur Springs. Mr. and Mrs. Beard have had one child, Lettie McHenry.

Mr. Beard is a Democrat in politics. He and his wife are affiliated with the Lutheran church.

WILLIAM MERIT McHENRY, a well-known resident of Dallas township, which he is serving as township trustee, was born on the farm on which he now lives, Nov. 21, 1874. This property comprises 100 acres of well-improved land. Mr. McHenry is a son of Caleb and Adeline (Rex) McHenry.

Caleb McHenry was born Nov. 15, 1829 in Columbiana county, O., his parents being Malcomb and Elizabeth (Wickert) McHenry, who had moved from Pennsylvania to Columbiana county, O., in 1812 and afterwards moved to Richland county, O., where they remained until 1838, in which year Malcomb McHenry left his home to go west in search of a better location. He was never afterwards heard of and it is supposed that he was killed by the Indians. His wife moved to Indiana and died there Feb. 6, 1878.

Caleb McHenry, son of Malcomb, and father of our subject, grew up on the farm and followed agriculture all his life. He came to Dallas township, Crawford county, O., in 1840 and all his subsequent life with the exception of eight years when he was in Lake county, Ind., was spent here. He was widely known in Dallas township, having served as justice of the peace for a great number of years and also as township trustee and clerk to the chairman of the school board. He was first united in marriage with a Miss Parmer, of Indiana, and their children were: Curtis, deceased; Emma, deceased, who was the wife of R. L. Hudson; Millard Esther, deceased, who was the wife of Jacob Shupp; Joseph; and Mary, the wife of David Graham. He married, secondly, Adeline Rex and they became the parents of children as follows: Martha, the wife of Willis Spade; Orpha, deceased, who was the wife of Benjamin Grooves; Milen and William M., the direct subject of this article, who is the youngest born.

William M. McHenry received the usual common school education and then turned his attention to farming which has since been his life's occupation. His land is well improved and Mr. McHenry successfully carries on general farming on it and he takes pride in raising good stock though not registered.

On April 7, 1898, Mr. McHenry was married to Miss Lettie Beard, who was born in this county, a daughter of George and Mary (Feichner) Beard, who were formerly resi-

dents of Tod township but who now reside in Dallas township, where Mr. Beard is a farmer. Mr. and Mrs. Beard have had but one child, Mrs. McHenry, but Mrs. Beard has three children from a former marriage to a Mr. Mauer, namely: Frank; Caroline, who was married first to William Miller and secondly to Frank Layman; and Malissa, the wife of Edward Starnier. To Mr. and Mrs. McHenry have been born the following children: Eber. Wayne, Mary Eunice, Vera May and Maud Fay.

Politically, our subject is a Republican but votes for the man who in his judgment is most capable of filling office, rather than his party's choice. He is serving in his second term as township trustee, having filled this office for four years. He is fraternally affiliated with the Knights of Pythias at Nevada, Ohio, and religiously, he and his family are connected with the U. B. Mt. Zion church in this township.

FRANK E. HAMAN, deceased, was a well known resident of Bucyrus, O., for many years and enjoyed the respect and esteem of his fellow citizens. He was born in the state of New York, Dec. 13, 1834, a son of William and Mary (Hopp) Haman. He was yet young when his parents moved to Richland county, O., where they spent the remainder of their lives. They had a large family of children, one daughter still surviving in the person of Mrs. Fannie J. DeGraff, who lives near Strakers, O.

Frank E. Haman spent his boyhood on his father's farm and attended the district schools. When old enough to learn a trade he came to Bucyrus and apprenticed himself to a blacksmith and became a first class mechanic. Later he became a member of the city fire department and was a brave and efficient worker in that admirable organization for full 18 years. Politically he was a Republican and took an active interest in local measures and served for some years in the office of city marshal. He was a dependable man in every relation of life and his memory is tenderly preserved by his family and friends. His death occurred Feb. 17, 1905, and his obsequies were conducted by the Masons, of which fraternity he had been an active member.

On March 2, 1852, Mr. Haman was married to Miss Isabella Jane Cronleigh, who was born at Middleton, Dauphin county, Pa., Oct. 11, 1830. Her father died in Dauphin county when aged 37 years, 3 months and 7 days, having been a well known man, a teacher, merchant and lumber inspector. He was one of the leading members of the Lutheran church in his community and for years was superintendent of the Sunday-school. After some time his widow married a Mr. Stringfellow, but no children were born to the second union. Mrs. Haman was 18 years old when she accompanied her mother to Richland county, being the only child born to the first marriage. Her mother died in Ohio when aged almost 60 years. She was a member of the Christian church.

Eight children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Haman, three sons, and five daughters. One daughter, Josephine, died in far off Honolulu, having gone to Hawaii as a teacher of music. She was very talented and in girlhood had been the organist in the Presbyterian church at Bucyrus. She is survived by her husband and two daughters. Two other daughters died in maidenhood, M. Jennie, at the age of 14 years, and Ida, at the age of 13 years. Effie J., another child, died in her fourth year. There are three surviving members of the family: Lewis C., who resides with his family at Cleveland, O.; Loring C., who resides with his family at Warsaw, Ind., where he is in the restaurant business; and Frances E., who is the widow of Joseph Shanks and has two sons. Mrs. Haman and daughter are members of the Presbyterian church.

WILLARD T. WHITE, proprietor of a farm of 800 acres in Dallas township, is one of this township's best known and most prosperous citizens. He was born in Dallas township, Crawford county, Ohio, Aug. 8, 1815, a son of Charles Wesley and Hannah (Hoover) White. His paternal grandfather, also named Charles, was born and reared in Virginia, and, being about 16 years old when the Revolutionary war broke out, was placed on the muster roll of the militia and was in active military service for several years during the struggle for independence, serving for a part of this period under the direct command of

General Washington. He also served for several years in that branch of the service known as "minute men." He inherited an estate from his father, a part of which consisted of slaves, and as the public conscience of those days had not been generally awakened in regard to the iniquity of a traffic in human beings, he continued to own them and afterwards added to their number, settling subsequently in Fayette county, Ky. Later, however, he adopted more modern ideas with respect to the slavery question and becoming disgusted with the brutality of the system, liberated his slaves, some thirteen in number, and took up his residence in Ross county, Ohio. This act of self-sacrifice caused him to fall into somewhat straightened circumstances, and at the time of his advent in Ross county, which was in 1812, he had barely enough pecuniary resources to purchase a farm of 145 acres, upon which he settled. By industry and perseverance, however, he gradually improved his condition. He resided in Ross county for some 40 years, and died about the year 1856, at the advanced age of 96 years, 6 months and 14 days. He was the father of three sons—Samuel, George and Charles W. The two elder were soldiers in the War of 1812.

Charles W. White, the youngest son, was born in Fayette county, Ky., within a mile and a half of Lexington, July 18, 1802. He was too young at the time of the second war with England to take any part in it. At the age of 18 he left his home in Ross county and visited the New Purchase for the purpose of in seeking another home in this section of the state. About the year 1820 he obtained a situation at the old Indian mill, located on the Sandusky river, several miles about the present site of Upper Sandusky. He was employed by the Government Indian agent, received \$15 a month, and boarded himself. His assistant in the mill was Charles Garrett, and at this time the nearest white settler was at the Indian mission, then Upper Sandusky. White assisted at the mill for some three years. During this time he saved money enough to purchase his first farm, consisting of 207 acres, now located in Dallas township, which farm he owned for over half a century. After working for different persons during the next nine years, he removed to his land, and, by



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industry, economy and hard labor he acquired a competence, and was the owner of some 1300 acres in Dallas township, besides 97 acres in Bucyrus township. His principal occupation was the raising of cattle, and from it he derived the larger part of his income.

He was married Nov. 25, 1830, to Miss Hannah Simmons Hoover and they were the parents of five children, namely: Mary, wife of S. D. Welsh; Lorena, who married first Benjamin Welsh, and secondly J. J. Fisher; Emma, wife of Dwight Welsh; Willard T., subject of this sketch; and Charles W.

Willard T. White was educated in the common schools and was brought up to farm life on the homestead, on which he passed his active career engaged in agricultural pursuits. He inherited from his father about 300 acres of the land, acquiring the rest by purchase. For some years he has been practically retired, his sons looking after the farm, and during a part of this time he has resided in Bucyrus. The homestead property is in excellent condition, well cultivated, and enough stock being kept for use on the farm. Mr. White is a Republican in politics and attends the Baptist church.

He was first married to Clementine Swigart, a resident of this county, but who was born in Illinois. They had two children—Leo and Irene. The former, Leo White, is a prosperous agriculturist of Dallas township, now serving in his third term as township trustee. He operates 240 acres of his father's farm and has an additional tract of 160 acres, which he rents. In 1898 he married Velma Maude Shemer, a native of Crawford county and has two children—Helen L. and Hazel M. Irene, the other child of Mr. White's first marriage, is the wife of E. H. K. McComb, who is assistant superintendent of the Manuel Training School at Indianapolis, Ind.

After the death of his first wife, Willard T. White married secondly Ella Brown, of Wyandot county, and of this marriage there are two children: Garrett B. and Abram Jay, the latter of whom married Bertha Beal, a daughter of Benjamin Beal of Crawford county.

ALVERTIS D. SHARROCK, who owns two of the finest farms in Bucyrus township, Crawford county, O., occupies one of 160

acres and also cultivates his other place, where he has 93 acres and also owns a piece of timber land of seven and one half acres. He was born in Bucyrus township, Aug. 9, 1871, and is a son of Charles A. and Mary Ann (Stine-man) Sharrock. His father was a native of Morrow county, O., and followed farming for many years in Bucyrus township and owned a large body of land. His death occurred April 21, 1909, and his burial was at Bucyrus. He was a member of Mt. Zion church, to which his widow, who survives, also belonged. She continues to live on the old homestead in Bucyrus township. They had two children: Alpha, who is the wife of Tiro E. Ditty, and Alvertis D.

After his school days were over, Alvertis D. Sharrock assisted his father in his farm industries and has always lived in his native township. In addition to general farming he raises Percheron horses and Mrs. Sharrock takes much interest in her registered Jersey cattle. In the summer of 1911 Mr. Sharrock built a very fine modern residence already having other substantial farm buildings.

In 1893 Mr. Sharrock was married to Miss Emma L. Mollenkopf, who was born in Bucyrus township and is a daughter of John G. and Christiana Mollenkopf, who were born in Germany and later came to Crawford county. Mrs. Sharrock has three sisters and one brother, namely: Mary, who is the wife of August Sheffler; Frederica, who is the wife of Charles E. Wisman; Otto F.; Tena, who is the wife of Alvin Brinkman; and Elsie. In August, 1898, Mr. and Mrs. Sharrock's only son, Leo C., was born, who is a school boy. In politics Mr. Sharrock is a Democrat as was his father. He and wife are members of the Lutheran church. They belong to old and highly respected families of this section and are representative people.

TIRA EDWIN DITTY, who is one of the substantial citizens and prosperous farmers of Bucyrus township, Crawford county, O., purchased his home farm of 100 acres in 1900, and, in partnership with his wife owns this tract, another farm one-half mile west, containing 49 acres, a seven and one-half acre timber tract and also a handsome residence situated on the corner of Fisher and Reed

streets, Bucyrus. Mr. Ditty was born in Holmes township, Crawford county, Feb. 13, 1872, and is a son of Abraham and Matilda (Seele) Ditty.

Abraham Ditty and wife were both born in Crawford county and he engaged in farming throughout life, his death occurring in 1908. He was a member of the Evangelical church and his burial was at Brokensword. His widow survives and resides at North Bucyrus and she also is a member of the Evangelical church. They had the following children: Clara, who is the wife of Frank Stineman; Tira Edwin; Irene, who is deceased, was the wife of William Drexel; and Laura, who is the wife of Roy Linn.

Tira Edwin Ditty obtained a public school education and grew to manhood on the home farm, afterward working for some two years on farms by the month and this practical training has proved valuable to him in the management of his own large property. He carries on general farming, grows fruit and poultry for home consumption and sufficient stock also for his own use.

On Nov. 14, 1894, Mr. Ditty was married to Miss Alpha Sharrock, who is a daughter of Charles A. and Mary Ann (Stineman) Sharrock. The father of Mrs. Ditty was born in Morrow county and died April 21, 1909. His widow survives and still occupies the old homestead in Bucyrus township. Mrs. Ditty has one brother, Alvertis D., who owns 260 acres of fine land in Bucyrus township. Mr. and Mrs. Ditty have two children: Cleland Lemoin, who was born October 10, 1895; and Reva Ilo, who was born January 17, 1898. Mr. and Mrs. Ditty attend the United Brethren church. Nominally he is a Democrat, as was his father, but frequently exercises his own judgment in casting his vote. He is identified with the K. O. T. M. at Bucyrus.

WILLIAM F. CROWE, justice of the peace, and one of the well known men of Crawford county, who has been vitally interested in the city of Crestline for more than 40 years, was born in County Clare, Ireland, Jan. 3, 1841, and is a son of John and Mary (Flannery) Crowe.

William F. Crowe was left fatherless in his boyhood, and, as it so often has been the case,

the seven children of the family owed their rearing, education and encouragement to the brave and devoted mother. In 1849 the family set sail for Quebec, Canada, and after voyaging for seven weeks and three days, were safely landed. From there they traveled to Burlington, Vt., and in the fall of the same year reached New Franklin, in Columbiana county, O., and from there, in the autumn of 1851, to Richland county, William F. then being ten years of age and picking up a knowledge of books wherever and whenever opportunity offered. In the following year removal was made to Mansfield and there he attended school until 1853, when he came to Crestline, finding employment with the Pennsylvania Railroad as a driver. In 1854 his mother and the younger children joined him and here the remainder of her life was passed and it is a satisfaction to her son, that each year it grew more comfortable and less filled with care. She passed away in 1895, when aged 81 years and her burial was in St. Joseph's cemetery, she having been a faithful Catholic all her life.

Of the family of seven children, the following survive: William F.; John, who served all through the Civil war in the Federal Army as a member of Co. E, 101st O. Vol. Inf.; Mrs. Ellen Purcell, who lives at Alliance, O., and has three children; and Jane, who is Mrs. Francis J. Gosser, and lives at Crestline, the mother of one son and one daughter.

In all essentials, William F. Crowe is a self-made man. His early opportunities were limited and those he enjoyed he had to make for himself, yet, before he reached the prime of life he is found serving his fellow citizens in honorable positions and respected and looked up to as one in authority. For more than 40 years he has held official responsibilities at Crestline, serving seven years in the council, for two terms was county recorder, for ten years was corporation treasurer, twice has served the city as mayor and for the past 14 years has been justice of the peace. He has been regardful of the city's interest in the performance of all these public duties and his record as a citizen not only shows unselfish public spirit, but the ability and foresight of a thorough business man, making his services of permanent value.

Judge Crowe was married at Marion, O., to

Miss Ellen Haley of County Kerry, Ireland, who accompanied her parents, Bartholomew and Ellen (Lynch) Haley, to America and she and one sister Mrs. D. Cusick of Marion, O., are the only surviving children. Mr. and Mrs. Crowe have the following children: Mary, who is the wife of H. L. Sossenheimer, agent for the Berger Manufacturing Co., and lives at St. Louis, having one daughter, Colletta, at Cleveland, O.; Ellen, who is in the dressmaking business at Crestline; Anna M., who has been a teacher in the Crestline union schools for some ten years; Jane, deceased, who was the wife of W. H. Bagley of Tulsa, Okla., and is survived by one son, Paul S.; Frances, who is the wife of Francis Charon, of Oklahoma, and has two sons—Francis H. and William R.; Agnes, who occupies a clerical position at Wagner, Okla.; Florence who is in the millinery business at Cleveland; John W., who is connected with a gas company in Oklahoma, as a machinist; and Eugenia and Josephine Hortense, who reside at home. Judge Crowe and family belong to St. Joseph's Catholic church at Crestline and his daughter Anna M. is president of the L. C. B. A., a most worthy charity connected with the work of the Catholic church, one that was organized by Kate Crowe, a daughter of Judge Crowe, and its first president. She was the first president of the emergency hospital maintained by the public. In 1861 Judge Crowe was active, with others, in securing the erection of the first church edifices for St. Joseph's congregation and has always been hearty in its support. In his political views he is a Democrat.

MRS. SAMUEL MILLER,* who in maiden life was Mary Catherine Swartz, is a native of this county, being a daughter of George and Eliza (Stanfer) Swartz.

George Swartz was born in Richland county, Ohio, and his wife in Pennsylvania, but came to Crawford county, Ohio, when children, this region being then a wilderness. Mr. Swartz as a farmer endured the hardships of the early settlers and cultivated his land successfully. To him and his wife were born the following children: Sarah Jane, deceased, who was the wife of A. M. Zook; Mary Catherine, the subject of this ar-

ticle, who on Dec. 28, 1887, was married to Samuel Miller, of Wyandot county, and James Benjamin, deceased.

Mrs. Miller owns 60 acres of well developed land and has a modern, attractive home and substantial farm buildings, which she has built. Mrs. Miller does not make a specialty of raising any particular product on her farm but rather lets her land yield the ordinary crops that are most successfully raised in the section of Ohio in which she resides. Stock sufficient for her own use is also raised.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Miller are the parents of six children, namely: Grace, Maud, Donna, Lester, Garrett and Lena. Grace is the wife of Grove Maley and they have three children—Merl Allen, Maud Fern and Robert Edwin.

DAVID PETRY, whose well cultivated farm of 132 acres is located in Bucyrus township, was born in Schuylkill county, Pa., July 4, 1841. His parents were Charles and Phoebe (Knepper) Petry. They were natives of Pennsylvania and moved to Ohio about 1851 or 1852, locating first east of Mansfield. There they remained one year when they removed to northeast of Lexington and from there came to Richland county, where they spent the rest of their lives. Mrs. Petry died on the home farm but her husband's death occurred in Mansfield, where he was living retired after his life of farm work. He was affiliated with the Democratic party and with his wife belonged to the Lutheran church. Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Petry: William; David, our subject; and Sarah, the wife of George Stewart. After the death of the mother of these children, Charles Petry remarried, his second union being with Miss Elizabeth Strater, who was born in Germany.

David Petry received his education in the common schools of his locality and after that assisted his father in the farm work until he was 21 years of age. He then rented the homestead farm but after eight years that was sold and in 1872 David Petry and his father came to Bucyrus township and together purchased the farm on which our subject now lives and which he successfully operates.

In 1862 David Petry was united in marriage with Miss Mary Ann Wert, a native of Germany, who came to this country when eight

years old and spent the last years of her life in Crawford county. She died Feb. 13, 1910 and was buried in Bucyrus cemetery. She was a daughter of Christian and Margaret Wert, both natives of Germany, who had the following children: John, Christiana, George and Mary Ann (Mrs. Petry). One daughter was born to David Petry and his wife—Amanda, the wife of Joseph McHenry, a farmer of this township.

Mr. Petry is a Democrat politically and in religious faith, a Lutheran.

DAVID L. ZINK, who is secretary of the Crestline Building & Loan Association, of Crestline, O., is one of the well known and most active business men of Crawford county, long connected with railroad life and since then keenly interested in other lines of activity and usefulness. Mr. Zink was born at Marietta, Lancaster county, Pa., Dec. 1, 1833, a son of Samuel and Sarah Zink, one of three children. Mr. Zink has one brother, Samuel, also a resident of this city.

Early in life Mr. Zink had spent some time with his father at Pittsburg, Pa., and in the early fifties went into the commission business in that city with a relative, and from there, in September, 1856, came to Ohio and located at Crestline. Here he found his most promising business offer in a railroad office and went to work for the Pennsylvania line in the freight department. On Feb. 1, 1861, he was appointed agent for the Pennsylvania company at Crestline, this point having become one of great railway importance. Mr. Zink still retains this official notice as it bears the signature of the late Augustus Bradley, once a railroad magnate and his friend, then being superintendent of the eastern division of the Pennsylvania lines. In May, 1865, he was appointed ticket agent of the Big Four Railroad, serving for about 47 years for the Pennsylvania road and jointly for both roads until his age limit retirement, Dec. 1, 1903. During this long period he handled railroad money amounting to millions of dollars and his books and records showed an accuracy that was perfect. When he retired he was the recipient of many congratulatory messages and of personal testimonials that would seem flattering if they were not so thoroughly just. Many men after

so long and arduous a business life and retirement on a pension, would feel justified in putting aside business care and devote some time to rest and refreshment, but this was not the feeling that Mr. Zink had when released for his railroad duties. From youth a hard worker and still being in vigorous health of mind and body, he merely turned his attention in another direction and has devoted himself closely to the interests of the Crestline Building & Loan Association, of which he has been secretary since its organization. This was on Oct. 23, 1891, and business was begun Jan. 1, 1892. The capital stock was \$50,000, which was increased to \$300,000, on March 1, 1892; and was further increased, in 1906, to \$600,000, a prosperous business having been done from the beginning. The original officers continue: C. P. Frank, of Crestline, being president; David L. Zink, being secretary; and Jacob Babst, being treasurer. The board of directors is made up of the following reputable and stable business men: C. P. Frank, W. R. Boyd, F. M. Anderson, Joseph Ims, Jacob M. Winter, John Marquart, Jr., and A. A. Reeve.

On Aug. 25, 1855, Mr. Zink was married at Pittsburgh, to Miss Mary Jane Hall, who was born at Chambersburg, Pa., June 30, 1830, and of their family of eight children all survive except one son, Robert George, who died in infancy. The others are: John E., who is joint ticket agent for the Big Four and the Pennsylvania Railroads, and freight agent for the Pennsylvania Lines, at Crestline, and who resides here with his wife and two sons; Sarah Alice, who was educated at Oberlin College, who married H. E. Atkinson, and lives at Landsdown, Pa., and has three living daughters; Jennie, who is the wife of Frank Snyder, a machinist residing at Kankakee, Ill., and has one daughter; William H., who is freight agent for the Pennsylvania Company at Rochester, Pa., and lives there with his wife and son; Emma F., who is the wife of James Harrop, of Bucyrus, O., and who has two sons: Wesley S., who is storekeeper with the Rock Island Railroad at Chicago, and has one daughter; and Walter, who is a machinist with the Big Four Railroad and lives at Bellefontaine, O., with his wife and one son. The mother of the above family died on March 14, 1903.

On Dec. 1, 1908, his seventy-fifth birthday, Mr. Zink was tendered a reception and spent a long to be remembered evening surrounded by his family and old friends who gladly gathered to offer good wishes and recall old memories. Mr. Zink has witnessed many changes come over Crestline since he first made it his home, and in every possible way has contributed a share in bringing about its present prosperity.

JOHN WENTZ, a retired farmer and highly respected citizen of Bucyrus, O., has long been prominent in the affairs of Crawford county and for years has been very active in all that pertains to the great agricultural order, the Patrons of Husbandry. He was born at Chambersburg, Pa., Sept. 1, 1837, and is a son of John and Mary (Manard) Wentz, and a grandson of Philip Wentz.

Philip Wentz lived and died in the home of his ancestors in Hesse Darmstadt, Germany. He was a small farmer and inn keeper. He was the father of four sons and three daughters, all of whom except the oldest came to America and settled mainly in Pennsylvania, Ohio and Indiana. John Wentz, the second son, was born in Germany about 1810 and was a young man when he took passage on a sailing vessel that landed him, 90 days later, in the harbor and port of Baltimore, Md. He was the pioneer of the family in the United States. As a farmer in Franklin county, Pa., he was satisfied at first to work for \$10 per month, and later accepted fifty cents a day for railroad work and was offered what was then considered a necessity, a certain amount of rum a day. He was temperate in his habits and made friends with some of his Irish fellow workmen by turning this allowance over to them. He took care of his wages, small as they were, and in the course of time he had enough capital to warrant his looking for land in which to invest it. In the meanwhile he married and located at Chambersburg, from which place, in 1839, with his small family and household possessions, all packed in a one-horse wagon, he journeyed as far as Blackford county, Ind., which was then practically a wilderness. There he invested his savings which amounted to \$200, and on the land then purchased both he and wife died. She also

was born in Germany, a native of Langstadt, and had come alone in early womanhood to the United States and lived at Chambersburg, Pa., at the time of marriage. She died in 1871, when aged 65 years, being survived by her husband into his 85th year. They were members of the German Lutheran church. Their family record reads as follows: One babe died in infancy. Elizabeth died when aged 17 years. Mary, deceased, was the wife of Louis Schmidt. Tena died at the age of twelve years. Jacob lives at Findlay, O., a retired farmer. He married Elizabeth Kanable and they have children. John was one of the early born in the family.

John Wentz was 20 years of age when he came to Ohio in October, 1857, having obtained his schooling in Indiana. On Thanksgiving Day of the above year he was married to Miss Catherine Greenish, who was born at Waynesboro, Pa., May 30, 1836, and the daughter of Jacob and Christina Greenish. Mrs. Wentz was reared from the age of six years in Crawford county, where she died June 21, 1908. She was a woman of kind and loving impulses and a Christian, being a devoted member of the Methodist Episcopal church. Nine children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Wentz, as follows: Mary, the widow of Thomas Caldwell, who lives in Crawford county and has seven children; Annetta, who is the widow of John Bell and has four children; Clement C., a resident of Bucyrus, who married Mary Schaffner; Willis, a farmer in Crawford county, who married Mary Miller; Alice, who married H. M. Dobbins of Bucyrus and has three children; Ida M., who is the wife of Henry Shafner of Galion, O., and has two children; Emma P., who lives with her father; John Earl, who manages the homestead farm, who married Lillie Florence Miller and has three children.

Mr. Wentz was a very successful farmer and conducted his agricultural operations along the lines that have brought prosperity to men in that line of business from early days—constant industry, careful oversight, good seed and good judgment, the last named being a very necessary part of the farmer's equipment as it is of any vocation. In the earliest days of its organization, 1874, he became interested in the Bucyrus Grange, Patrons of Husbandry.

this body being of considerable importance as it is the only order in the county that has never surrendered its charter. Mr. Wentz is the only surviving charter member and he has served in all its offices. He has also been prominently identified with the Crawford County Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Company, which is, with but one exception, the largest mutual fire company in Ohio, and for 24 years was its treasurer and later, for two years was vice president of the company, retiring from office in June, 1910. In politics he is a Democrat but has never accepted public office to a large degree, although in 1890 he was appointed land appraiser of Holmes township.

WILLIAM A. BILSING, proprietor of Rock Brook Farm, a fertile tract of 163 acres of valuable land, situated five miles northwest of Crestline, O., has been interested in agricultural affairs ever since his school days. He belongs to a pioneer family of Ohio, his grandfather having come from Germany and settled in Crawford county at an early day. At that time his father, Adam Bilsing, was a boy of ten years.

Adam Bilsing grew to manhood in Crawford county where he married first Lavina Swisher, a native of Crawford county. To them were born the following children: John H., Barnet C., Mary C., William A., Anna D., Eliza, Samilda C., Flora A., and Margaret E. Of these, John H. married Nancy Laughbaum and lives in New Mexico. Barnet C., who lives in Jefferson township, Crawford county, married Elizabeth James, who is deceased. Mary C. is deceased. Anna D., who married John Rader, died in 1885. Eliza became the wife of Allen Laughbaum and lives at Davenport, Wash. Samilda C. is the wife of Lincoln Hoover and they live in Vernon township, Crawford county. Flora A., now deceased, was the wife of Prof. Franklin Brining, formerly a civil engineer in the employ of the British Government and at present an instructor at Thomason College, in India. Margaret E. died at the age of two years. Adam Bilsing married secondly Catherine Dapper and to them were born four children, namely: Aaron, Augusta (wife of George Brown), Franklin D. and Frances.

William A. Bilsing obtained a district school education and then turned his attention to farming and this has been his main interest ever since. Rock Brook Farm is considered one of the finest farms in Vernon township and Mr. Bilsing has taken pride and pleasure in improving it.

In early manhood Mr. Bilsing was married to Miss Catherine A. Weaver, a daughter of Henry and Charlotte (Heis) Weaver, the former of whom died in 1908. The mother of Mrs. Bilsing survives, being now in her 79th year and lives at Leesville, O. Mrs. Bilsing had two sisters and one brother: Ellen, who is the wife of Frank Cassel and lives at Crestline; Charles B., who died at the age of two years; and Mary E., who died when aged 40 years. Mr. and Mrs. Bilsing have two children: Alma E., who married Calvin B. Parr; and Sherman, who is a graduate of Otterbein University and is now a student in the Ohio State University preparing for a profession. Mr. Bilsing and family are members of the United Brethren church, of which he is a trustee and has held the office of superintendent of the Sunday school and class leader. In politics he is a Republican. He is well known all over the county and is correspondent for three of the county newspapers.

JOHN A. LAUTHERS,* one of the highly respected citizens of Whetstone township, Crawford county, O., is also one of the most substantial and owns 175 acres of fine land in this township and 25 acres in Liberty township, and has additional interests. He was born in Huntingdon county, Pa., July 8, 1858, and is a son of Samuel and Sarah Jane (Seibert) Lauthers.

The parents of Mr. Lauthers as well as the paternal grandfather, James Lauthers, spent their lives in Pennsylvania. They had the following children: James; Sadie, who is the wife of Andrew Shearer; John A.; Anna, deceased, who was the wife of William Trego; Samuel Morrison; and Belle, who is the wife of Samuel Widney, she being the eldest of the family.

John A. Lauthers obtained a district school education in his native place and remained on the home farm with his father until he was 21 years of age, when, in answer to a gen-

eral call for help on western farms, he came to Ohio and for two years following worked on farms by the month. Afterward, for three years he rented land and then bought 80 acres in Dallas township, from L. H. Ross and lived on that place for seven years. In 1893 he purchased his present home farm in Whetstone township from John Brehman and has resided here ever since, having everything exceedingly comfortable about him. Later he sold his farm in Dallas township and bought 154 acres in Sandusky township, and all told owns about 354 acres of rich land in Crawford county and also has stock in the Summer addition of Bucyrus and in the Second National Bank of that city.

In November, 1882, Mr. Lauthers was married to Miss Celestia Carpenter, of Mount Gilead, O., a daughter of Charles and Lydia (Bingham) Carpenter, farming people in Morrow county. Mrs. Luthers has two sisters: Carrie, who is the wife of Frank Pitman; and Jennie. Mr. and Mrs. Lauthers have two sons: Walter L. and Charles W. The family belongs to the Presbyterian church and is a prominent one in Whetstone township. While Mr. Lauthers is a staunch Democrat he has no political aspirations.

ABRAM C. MONNETT, deceased, was an honored veteran of the Civil War and for many years after its close was a successful farmer and stock dealer in Crawford county. He came of an old Ohio family of some military distinction, and was born at Bucyrus, March 31, 1839. His parents were Col. William and Elizabeth (Cahill) Monnett.

Col. Isaac Monnett, the grandfather, was born in Pickaway county, O., and died at Bucyrus, Crawford county, when aged 92 years. For many years he was identified officially with the state militia. The family was an agricultural one and he owned and cultivated large tracts of land. With other members of the family he was active in his support of the Methodist Episcopal church, being a lay preacher in the same himself, while his brother Thomas and son William, both became accepted ministers in the same. He married Elizabeth Pittenger, who was born in Ross county, O., and died in old age at Bucyrus.

Col. William Monnett, a son of Col. Isaac and father of the late Abram C. Monnett, was five years old when he accompanied his parents from Ross to Pickaway county and some years after marriage he moved to the plains of Crawford county, where he acquired 1,000 acres of land, mainly situated in Cranberry township. When twelve years old he united with the Methodist Episcopal church and was a militant Christian, accepting election as colonel of the 11th O. militia on the same day that he was licensed as a Methodist minister. For 11 years he continued active ministerial work, failing health then requiring his resignation. He married Elizabeth Cahill and they had five children: Abram C.; Mary J., who married Hon. S. R. Harris, both now deceased; Rachel, who married William H. Kinnear, both now deceased; Sarah L., who is the widow of L. L. Walker, of Whetstone, O.; and Isaac W., who died in Washington state, when aged 43 years. The father of the above family died in 1884, the mother surviving until 1891.

Abram C. Monnett was reared on his father's large estate and attended the district schools in youth. When civil war was precipitated he entered the Federal Army, enlisting in the 34th O. Vol. Inf., in which he served until the close of hostilities, escaping wounds and capture but suffering all the rest of his life from the exposure to which he had been subjected. After he returned to peaceful pursuits he resumed his agricultural activities and continued the same during the remainder of his active life. Like all his people he was an interested and conscientious citizen, doing his full public duty on every occasion but asking no political reward. He was a Republican. His death occurred at his home in Bucyrus, April 17, 1879.

Abram C. Monnett was married at Bucyrus to Miss Jennie E. Walwork, who was born at Saratoga, N. Y., and is a graduate of the Albany State Normal School. She came to Bucyrus as a teacher and five years later was united in marriage with Mr. Monnett. Her parents were Thomas and Mary (Stevens) Walwork, the former of whom was born in Liverpool, England, a son of Thomas Walwork. The younger Thomas Walwork came to the United States in early manhood and was

married near Philadelphia, Pa., to Mary Stevens and they subsequently moved to Saratoga, N. Y., where Mr. Walwork established and operated a large woolen factory. They were members of the Methodist Episcopal church. They were people of social standing and the father possessed an ample enough fortune to give his children excellent educational advantages.

To Mr. and Mrs. Monnett the following children were born: Frank W., M. Elizabeth, Julia A., Wallace L. and Rachel. All have been given superior educational advantages. Frank W., the eldest son, was a graduate of the Cincinnati law school when he enlisted for service in the Spanish-American War, and died in the Philippine Islands, when aged 29 years. M. Elizabeth, who was the wife of Rev. James Cass, died at Bucyrus in 1902. She was a graduate of the Bucyrus High School and also a graduate in music and was not only a young woman of great talent but was amiable and engaging in social and domestic life. Julia A. is a graduate of the Conservatory of Music and Oratory at Cincinnati, is married to Rev. James M. Cass, pastor of the First M. E. church, at Westport, and has one daughter, Ruth E. Her home is on Lake Champlain, at Westport, N. Y. Wallace L. is a graduate of Bucyrus High School and of the Cincinnati Law School and at present is serving in the office of referee in bankruptcy. He resides with his wife and four children, at Bucyrus. Rachel, the youngest member of the family, is a graduate of the Bucyrus High School and the Cincinnati School of Music and Oratory, and is the wife of Edwin G. Beal, cashier of the First National Bank of Bucyrus.

URIAS CRISTEE, who has resided on his present farm of 120 acres, situated in Tod township, Crawford county, O., for 42 years, was born in Dauphin county, Pa., Feb. 16, 1831, and is a son of Joseph and Hannah (Grape) Cristee.

Joseph Cristee was born in Pennsylvania and was of Scotch parentage. By trade he was a blacksmith and he thought so well of it as a means of subsistence that he taught all his sons this trade. In 1833 he came to Richland county, O., and there his death occurred at the age of 70 years. He married Hannah Grape, who was born in Germany and was

seven years old when her people brought her to America. They had eight children, Urias being the fifth born.

Urias Cristee was sent to school in boyhood, his parents being concerned in the education and welfare of their children. He was about 21 years old when he came to Crawford county. For several years he was associated with his brother-in-law in business at Bucyrus, where they started the first real provision store, and dealt also in grain and seed, purchasing clover seed, oats and corn and has seen the day when corn could be bought for 35 cents and sold for seventy-five. After two and one-half years in the grain and provision business, Mr. Cristee sold out and for 30 years afterward worked at the blacksmith trade in Oceola, O. After selling his shop he spent six months in Richland county and worked as a horse shoer and was considered a fine one although he never believed himself as skilled a workman as was his father, the latter being a natural born mechanic and without instruction was able to make a wagon as well as one who had learned the trade. Mr. Cristee preserves many memories of his father, whom he held in the highest respect and with great affection. He had had no educational opportunities but could keep his accounts accurately although he could not tell one letter of the alphabet from the other. From Richland county Mr. Cristee worked one year for his brother at Oceola and then returned to Bucyrus for three months, and in 1870 settled on his present valuable farm in Tod township, one mile west of Oceola. He put up the substantial buildings on this property and his residence is a handsome brick structure.

Mr. Cristee was married to Miss Adeline Failor, of Bucyrus, who died in 1902, when aged 65 years, and 11 children were born to them, the survivors being: Mrs. Ida Yost, Frank, Mrs. Nellie Yost, Mrs. Clara Andrews. Those deceased were: William, Lizzie, Mrs. Emma Moore and four infants. Mr. Cristee is a member and liberal supporter of the United Brethren church at Oceola. In politics he is a Republican and he keeps well posted concerning public affairs.

JOHN E. GEISSMAN, who is one of the successful young farmers of Cranberry township, Crawford county, resides in section 22,

where he is profitably cultivating 114 acres, which belongs to his father. He was born in Holmes township, Crawford county, July 30, 1882, and is a son of W. H. and Mary (Leimenstall) Geissman.

W. H. Geissman was born in Chatfield township, Crawford county, where he was reared and educated. When he came to the present farm, 74 acres of which were bought of John Nigh, and 40 acres of Jacob Millmaier, very little improving had been done. In 1893 he built the substantial barn and in 1896 he erected the comfortable residence and made other additions to the farm equipment and put all its industries on a solid footing. In 1909 he retired and moved to Chatfield and later became mail carrier on Rural Route No. 1, out of that place. He married Mary Leimenstall, who died June 2, 1904, the mother of six children. The second marriage of Mr. Geissman was to Mrs. Rosa Klink.

After his school period was over, John E. Geissman determined to become a farmer. He had been given excellent preparation for the same for after attending the high school, he had practical training in the Columbus Agricultural School. For the past three years he has been operating the home farm along modern lines and has met with excellent returns, and has brought Plain View Stock Farm up to a high standard. Like the other enterprising agriculturists of this section, he is a member of the Cranberry Township Grange.

On April 4, 1909, Mr. Geissman married Miss Pearl Harrer, who was born in Lykens township, Crawford county, the only daughter of Caleb Harrer, and they have an infant daughter, Fern Mary Ann, born April 29, 1912. Mr. and Mrs. Geissman are members of the Pietist and Evangelical churches respectively. In political opinions Mr. Geissman calls himself an independent Democrat, and his neighbors consider him a valuable citizen and a wide awake business man.

G. F. ACKERMAN was born in Liberty township, Crawford county, Dec. 10, 1871, and until he was 16 years of age attended school and worked on his father's farm. The next two years he continued his studies at New Washington High School and in the fall of 1890 he entered the Ohio Normal Univer-

sity at Ada, taking the scientific course. He then became a teacher and taught school in the winter months, working on the farm in the summer until he returned to Ada and took a course in stenography in 1893 and 1894. He resumed teaching and farm life, and again in the spring of 1896 took a review course at Ada. He then took up the study of law under Judge Tobias, also acting as the Judge's stenographer, but continuing to teach school in the winter months. From 1898 to 1902 he served as Principal of the Third Ward School of Bucyrus. On the 1st day of January, 1902, he was appointed Deputy Sheriff of Crawford county, which position he filled until January, 1906. From 1906 to 1908 he was engrossing clerk for the senate at the state capitol, also acting as bookkeeper during the interims between sessions for the American Clay Machinery Co. In 1907 he accepted a position as salesman for the Strine & Grinder Manufacturing Co., of New Philadelphia, O. In June of 1908, he was nominated by the Democratic party for auditor without opposition and was elected the ensuing fall. As his predecessor's term of office did not expire for eleven months he became principal of the Third Ward school of Bucyrus for the school year of 1908 and 1909. He is considered a very able and efficient auditor. He has served on the county central committee and has been delegate to judicial and senatorial conventions. Also in 1907 he was a member of the city council and was clerk of the county board of elections during 1903, 1904, and 1905. In 1896 he was secretary of the Bryan Free Silver Club which had an enrollment of twelve hundred members.

On Nov. 10, 1896, G. F. Ackerman married Caroline E. Kuhn, daughter of August and Catherine (Limbach) Kuhn, of Tuscarawas county. They have two children living: Elva Marie and Margaret Catherine. His father, Caleb A., was born in Crawford county, Dec. 12, 1840. He married Margaret High, also a native of Crawford county and born Sept. 4, 1844. Both were of German ancestry and of pioneer families of Crawford county. They are still living and reside in Bucyrus. Caleb A. served in the War of the Rebellion in the Forty-Ninth Ohio Regiment under Colonel Gibson. Mr. G. F. Ackerman is a member of

the Knights of Maccabees and of the Order of Eagles. In 1908 he was sent as a delegate by the Eagles to the national convention at Seattle, Wash. He is also a member of the Reformed church and for 13 years has acted as treasurer and trustee of that church in Bucyrus. His chosen profession is the law which it is his intention to follow after the expiration of his term of office.

JOHN C. CAHILL, residing nine miles north of Crestline, O., and one and one-half miles south of Tiro, O., on the old homestead farm of 160 acres, which he owns, is one of the representative men of Vernon township, of which he has been a trustee for some ten years. He was born on this farm in 1862, and is a son of R. W. and Catherine (Richards) Cahill.

R. W. Cahill was born in Pennsylvania and after coming to Ohio and marrying, followed an agricultural life until his death. The surviving members of his family are: Eliza; Jennette; Davis; D. C., who lives at Bucyrus; R. W., who lives at Napoleon, O.; John C.; and G. W. and James, who live at Tiro, O.

John C. Cahill attended the district schools in Vernon township and later the Ohio Normal School, at Ada, after which he returned to his father, with whom he remained until the former's death, when he purchased the homestead, widely known as the Green Hill Farm. He has made many improvements and is progressive in his agricultural methods and is numbered with the most successful farmers of this section.

Mr. Cahill married Miss Mary A. Weirich, a daughter of Christian and Adeline (Miller) Weirich, and they have had three children: Allen W., John R. and Edith, the last named being deceased. In politics, Mr. Cahill is a Democrat and in addition to his long period of service as township trustee, he was clerk of the township for four years, and enjoys the very desirable reputation of having conscientiously performed every public duty.

CLAUDE A. LINGENFELTER, M. D., physician and surgeon at Bucyrus, O., and a specialist in diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat, was born at Loudonville, O., May 24, 1884, and is a son of Dr. James A. and Mary (Petot) Lingenfelter.

Dr. James A. Lingenfelter was born in Bedford county, Pa., of German parentage, and lost his parents when young. He grew up on a farm, having no opportunity to follow the bent of his desires for a medical education, and was already a young man when he came to Ohio. He lived in Stark county for several years and then came to Loudonville and found work in a butcher shop as a meat cutter, but he by no means had given up his ambition to become a physician. Only he can tell of the obstacles he overcame and of the self denials he practiced before he was finally able to secure his degree from a medical college at Cincinnati. He is known as a skillful physician and has a large practice. In politics, a Democrat he has held local offices but his profession claims the larger part of his time. He is identified with the Masons and other fraternal orders. He married Miss Mary Petot, who was born and reared at Loudonville, a daughter of Claud and Catherine (Specht) Petot, the former of whom was born in France and the latter in Germany. Mr. and Mrs. Petot were married in Paris and soon afterward emigrated to the United States, living first at Pittsburg, Pa., and later moving to Loudonville, O. Mr. Petot was one of the leading shoe merchants of Loudonville at the time of his death. His widow still resides there. They were of the Catholic faith but later united with the English Lutherans and Mr. Petot was liberal in his support of all church demands made on him. Three sons were born to Dr. James A. Lingenfelter and wife: Claude A.; Harry, who is engaged in the jewelry business at Loudonville; and Charles, who is in business at Los Angeles, Cal.

Claude A. Lingenfelter attended school at Loudonville and was graduated from the High School in 1900, after which he spent a student year at Oberlin College, and then he entered the Cleveland Medical College, where he remained for one year and subsequently was graduated after a four year course from the New York Homeopathic College in the class of 1906, with his well earned degree. He engaged in a general practice at Loudonville until 1908, when he came to Bucyrus, where, in answer to a general demand, he has specialized in the diseases of eye, ear, nose

and throat, these so generally prevailing that careful and scientific men following this branch of medical practice are welcomed almost everywhere along this line of practice. Dr. Lingenfelter has been more than usually successful.

Dr. Lingenfelter was married in New York, to Miss Marian Gilmartin, who was born at Seranton, Pa., and was educated at Mt. Morris, N. Y., completing her musical studies at Oberlin College. Her parents were Frederick and Rhoda (Jones) Gilmartin, of Welsh extraction. The mother died in 1906, but the father survives. Mrs. Lingenfelter has one sister, Dollie, who is a professional nurse residing in Philadelphia. Dr. and Mrs. Lingenfelter have one son, William Claude, born June 3, 1908. Politically Dr. Lingenfelter is a Republican and fraternally a Master Mason, Royal Arch Mason, Royal and Select Master Mason and a Knight Templar Mason, being identified with the Commandery at Marion, O.

SAMUEL J. STUMP,* who carries on his successful agricultural industries on three tracts of valuable land, situated in Whetstone township, Crawford county, O., resides on a farm of 163 acres and owns a second one of 63 acres, and additionally, in partnership with Professor Guinther, superintendent of the schools of Galion, O., he owns a third farm of 190 acres. Mr. Stump was born on his home farm, July 9, 1857, and is a son of Daniel and Elizabeth (Zimmerman) Stump.

Daniel Stump spent almost his entire life in Crawford county, being only six years old when his parents brought him from Lycoming county, Pa. His death occurred in the spring of 1897 and his burial was in the Sherer cemetery. He married Elizabeth Zimmerman, who was born in Crawford county and still survives, residing on the homestead. The following children were born to them: Samuel J.; Louisa, who is the wife of S. F. Whiteamire; Joseph, who died at the age of 12 years; Sarah, who died at the age of eight years; Lydia, who died when aged five years; and Clara, who passed away at the age of 19 years. She was an attractive and talented young woman, had prepared herself for teaching and had just completed her first term as a teacher when she died.

Samuel J. Stump attended school near his home and then helped his father on the home farm and they remained together until the father's death. At that time the latter owned 163 acres in Whetstone township and 174 acres in Bucyrus township. Mr. Stump is a sensible, practical farmer, devoting his attention to the grains and tubers that he has proved are most profitable to cultivate in this soil and climate, and to a good grade of stock that has proved satisfactory, and he has prospered.

On March 16, 1897, Mr. Stump was married to Miss Lottie Guinther, a daughter of Jacob and Catherine (Shellenmiller) Guinther, and a granddaughter of George and Margaret Guinther. The parents of Mrs. Stump are both now deceased, their burial being in the Sherer cemetery. Her father was born in Germany and was 15 years old when he came to the United States and for seven years afterward lived at Philadelphia, Pa., where he was in a bakery business. After coming to Crawford county he followed farming. He married Catherine Shellenmiller, who was born in Lycoming county, Pa., and they had the following children born to them: Mary, who is the wife of George K. Ulmer; George; Sophia, who is deceased; Catherine, who is the wife of Samuel Rexroth; Isaac C., who is principal of the Galion public schools; Lottie, who is the wife of Mr. Stump; and Jacob.

To Mr. and Mrs. Stump the following children were born: Gertrude Elizabeth, who died when aged two years; Clarence Willard and Howard James. Mr. and Mrs. Stump are members of the German Methodist church, of which he is a trustee and for three years was superintendent of the Sunday-school. Mr. Stump calls himself an Independent Democrat.

W. H. GARRIGUES, who owns one of the best improved farms in Tod township, Crawford county, O., containing 80 acres situated one-half mile west of Ocoola, O., was born at Ocoola, in 1864, and is a son of R. T. and Sarah A. (Wert) Garrigues.

R. T. Garrigues was born in Maryland and came here before the town of Ocoola was laid out. Being a carpenter by trade he had much to do with the erecting of the buildings at Ocoola and became a man of ample means as the reward of a long and busy life, his death

occurring at Oceola in 1910, when he was aged 84 years. He married Sarah A. Wert, who survived until 1911, passing away in her 76th year. Three of their eight children died in infancy, the others being: Mrs. S. D. Trout, of Bucyrus; Mrs. Minnie I. Fruth, of Oceola; W. H., subject of this sketch; Mrs. Mettie A. Snively, of Sulphur Springs; and Mrs. Sallie N. Brown, of Oklahoma.

W. H. Garrigues attended the Oceola schools and afterward became a farmer, and for 12 years lived on a place east of Oceola, on which he made improvements and then moved to the farm where he still lives, one-half mile west of the town, and in March, 1907, having bought his present property, where he carries on general farming and stock raising. Mr. Garrigues has very progressive ideas as to his agricultural methods and is no less particular concerning the way he lives. His fine residence in which he has installed all modern comforts and conveniences, and these include a complete system of lighting, would do credit to a city and surrounded as it is with a fine lawn and concrete walks, attracts attention and favorable comment from every passer-by. It is a type of home that here and there, through the wealthy agricultural communities, is taking the place of the uncomfortable and often unsanitary dwellings that the prosperous farmer of the present day no longer feels satisfied to occupy, and this change brings a large measure of comfort, happiness and content to the whole family.

Mr. Garrigues married Miss Cora E. Peck, who is a daughter of Taylor Peck, a well known farmer of Bucyrus township. They have one son, Harry W., who attends the public schools in Oceola. Mr. Garrigues has frequently been elected to public office in Tod township and for two years was a member of the Tod township board of trustees. Mr. and Mrs. Garrigues are members of the United Brethren church. For some years he has been connected with Lodge No. 116 Jr. O. U. A. M. at Oceola. He is an intelligent, liberal-minded man, a capable farmer and a useful citizen.

JOSEPH A. BLUM, owner and manager of a prospering business enterprise of Cranberry township, Crawford county, O., to which he has given the appropriate name of the

Twentieth Century Hatchery, is one of the wide awake, well informed and enterprising young business men of Crawford county. He was born May 22, 1888, on his present farm situated in section 23, Cranberry township, where he resides with his father, F. N. Blum.

Joseph A. Blum grew to manhood in his native township and obtained his education in the public schools. In pushing out into a somewhat new field of industry, Mr. Blum has shown commendable enterprise and he has a growing investment. The Twentieth Century Hatchery is located 3 miles southwest of New Washington, O., where it was started in 1904, with a 2,000 egg capacity. Its present capacity is 30,000 eggs per hatch, and during the season there is a calculated hatch of 3,000 per week. Shipments are made to all sections of the country, special boxes being provided. Mr. Blum's present plant contains two buildings, one with dimensions of 22x75 feet and the other of 42x24 feet. In politics he is a Democrat. He belongs to the Roman Catholic church and is identified with the Knights of Columbus.

CLEMENCE J. WILLIAMSON, V. S.,* who is the oldest veterinary surgeon in Crawford county, O., in point of professional service, has been a resident of Bucyrus for a number of years and commands a large practice. He was born in Crawford county, Jan. 14, 1872, and is one of a family of seven children. His parents were Benjamin F. and Mary (Auk) Williamson. The father was a native of Pennsylvania, where he learned the carpenter trade and came to Crawford county in 1850, from which county he entered an Ohio regiment and served in the Civil war.

Dr. Williamson attended the public schools in boyhood and grew up on the home farm. Later he attended the Ohio Northern University, where he was graduated in pharmacy, in 1893. Subsequently he entered the Ontario Veterinary College, at Toronto, Can., where he was graduated in 1897 and immediately entered into practice at Springfield, O., in 1899 coming to Bucyrus.

Dr. Williamson married Miss Catherine E. Reiff, a daughter of Herman Reiff, and they have three children. With his family he belongs to the Lutheran church. Politically he

is a Democrat but the volume of his professional duties have always prevented his considering any invitation to accept political office, but he is a reliable and interested citizen and enjoys the confidence of professional brethren and the public at large.

J. ERNEST WENTZ, who, for 33 years has been a continuous resident of Bucyrus, O., and until recently active in the business life of the city, was born at Chambersburg, Pa., Dec. 7, 1840, and is a son of Anthony and Catherine (Steak) Wentz.

Anthony Wentz was born in Germany probably in 1815. He came to America when a young man and located in Pennsylvania and was married at Chambersburg in that state, to Catherine Steak. They remained there until after the birth of their first child, in the following year, 1842, starting in a great covered wagon for Crawford county, O. Mr. Wentz opened his shoemaking shop at Bucyrus and followed his trade until 1846 when his death occurred. He was an official in the English Lutheran church. His widow survived for many years, her death occurring at Bucyrus in her 75th year. Five children were born to Anthony Wentz and wife, namely: J. Ernest, George, who died in childhood; Albert, who died May 1, 1910, at the Soldiers' Home, Sandusky, O., who had served during the Civil War as a member of the 10th O. Vol. Cav., and was honorably discharged, and is survived by two daughters—Florence N., wife of J. H. Huff, D. D. S., Chicago, and Sarah L., who is housekeeper for her uncle, J. Ernest Wentz; William M., a machinist at Bucyrus, who is married and has four children; and Mary, who died at the age of ten years.

J. Ernest Wentz was educated in the Bucyrus man in a general store, first at Bucyrus and then schools and afterward he became a sales-later at Mansfield, O. In 1878 he returned to Bucyrus and for ten years afterward was associated with George W. Harris in the produce business. In 1888 he opened up his own business on the corner of Walnut and Charles streets and continued until June, 1907, when he sold out and since then has lived retired. He has never married but his domestic affairs are well looked after by his niece, Miss Sarah L. Wentz, a very capable housekeeper and estimable lady. Both she and her sister, Mrs.

Huff, are Christian Science practitioners and for some years she was First Reader in the church of this organization at Bucyrus. Mr. Wentz is in close sympathy with the tenets of this religious body. Politically he is a Republican and fraternally is a Knight of Pythias.

CHARLES C. STEPHAN, a representative citizen of Vernon township, Crawford county, O., residing seven and one-half miles northeast of Crestline, where he owns 80 acres of fertile and well tilled land, was born in Crawford county, in 1864, and is a son of Adam and Anna (Frank) Stephan.

The parents of Mr. Stephan were born in Germany, from which country the father came to the United States when 15 years of age, and the mother was brought when five years old, by her parents, who settled in Crawford county, O. To Adam Stephan and wife the following children were born: Frank, residing at Crestline, who married Barbara Paffenbach; George, who married (first) Mary Bauer, and (second) Lizzie Bauer and survives them both; John, who lives at Crestline, who married Clara Swerer; Amanda, who is the wife of Conrad Strauch, of Crestline; Edward, who resides at Mansfield, O., and who married Hattie Culp; Ida, who lives at Crestline, the widow of Jacob Sleighberger, who died in 1912; Louis, who died in California, when aged 23 years; and Charles C.; whose name heads this sketch.

Charles C. Stephan followed farming with his father until he was 23 years of age and then went to Crestline and was employed there for two years, after which he resumed farming and purchased his present property. He devotes his land to general agriculture, raising the usual products of the soil that do well in this climate and also gives some attention to growing stock.

Mr. Stephan married Miss Catherine Kindinger, a daughter of John and Catherine (Kaffenberger) Kindinger, her brothers and sisters being: Charles, John, Mary, Julia, Emil, Albert and Emma. Mr. and Mrs. Stephan have seven children, namely: Wilbur, Velma, Edgar, Anita, Lester, Luella and Lloyd. Mr. Stephan and family are members of the Reformed church, of which he is a trustee and is also serving as church treasurer.

CHARLES SHELDON WERT,* postmaster at Monnett, O.; and proprietor of a general store, was born at Occola, Crawford county, Aug. 6, 1879, and is a son of James and Mary (Neally) Wert.

The parents of Mr. Wert were both natives of Ohio, he of Tod township, Crawford county, and she of Wyandot county. The father was a carpenter and contractor. Both he and wife are now deceased, their burial being at Bucyrus. They had three children: Rahland B., Charles Sheldon and Jessie, the last named being the wife of Stewart Laune, who is in the grocery business at Springfield, O.

Charles S. Wert attended the public schools and for some years afterward engaged in farming and then embarked in a general store business at Mortimer, O., where he continued for two and one-half years and then came to Monnett, where he has built up a fine trade. In addition to carrying the usual merchandise of a general store, he handles farm implements. He has the leading place of business in the town and for the past year has been postmaster, being an ardent Republican. The only other public office he has held was that of constable for one year while living in Dallas township.

Mr. Wert was married Feb. 29, 1902, to Miss Agnes E. Linn, who was born in Marion county, O., a daughter of Jacob and Mary (Martin) Linn, who were substantial farmers there. Mrs. Wert is the youngest of their three children, the others being: Vela, who is the wife of Welcome Lewellyn, and Minor. Mr. and Mrs. Wert have a son and a daughter: Raymond and Mary. The family belongs to the Christian church at Bucyrus and Mr. Wert is identified with the fraternal order of Junior United American Mechanics of the same city.

CHARLES S. SPORE, one of the well known men of Holmes township, Crawford county, O., who carries on general farming and stock raising on his farm of 62 acres, which is situated six and one-half miles northwest of Bucyrus, was born in Liberty township, Crawford county, O., July 28, 1858, and is a son of S. L. and Sarah E. (Brahman) Spore, and a grandson of David C. Spore, who

made the record of teaching forty consecutive terms in the schools of Crawford county.

S. L. Spore was born in 1834, in Canada, and was two years old when his parents moved to Crawford county and settled in Liberty township. Prior to his enlistment in 1862, for service in the Civil War, Mr. Spore engaged in farming. He served out his first enlistment of nine months and served nine months more under his second contract and then received an honorable discharge, on account of disability. Subsequently he learned the cooper trade and followed that with farming until again prostrated by ill health, after which he was in the real estate business until his health failed entirely and he retired to the Soldiers' Home, at Marion, Ind., where he could have constant care and medical attention and died there in 1906, his burial being in Crawford county. Although he did not fall on the field of battle, nevertheless he was a victim of the Civil War, his hardships and exposure having undermined his health. At the time of death he owned 80 acres of land. He married Sarah E. Brahman, who was born in Huron county and died in 1893, aged 56 years. Of their nine children three died in infancy, the others being: Charles S.; Mrs. Honora Linn, of Bucyrus; Aud David; Rufus D., who has a large grocery business at Bellevue, O.; Benjamin M., who is a foreman in the Pennsylvania Railway shops at Fort Wayne, Ind.; and Mrs. Loretta M. Goodwin, who is a resident of Bucyrus.

Charles S. Spore obtained a district school education and afterward taught school in Holmes and Chatfield townships for three years. After marriage he settled on his present farm and his main interests since have been agricultural. He is a Republican in his political sentiments and is a member of the township school board. For two years he carried the mail from Bucyrus to certain points and in 1900, also 1910, was one of the census enumerators. Mr. Spore is a reliable, trustworthy citizen and is universally respected in this section.

On March 1, 1883, Mr. Spore was married to Miss Lucy A. Linn, who is a daughter of William Linn, who is a resident of Holmes township, and they have had four children, namely: Lula G., who is the wife of R. A. Rexroth, who is in the real estate business at

Rock Creek, O.; Carrie E., who lives at Bucyrus; Harry W. B., who resides at Newell, W. Va.; and Ray E., who assists his father on the home farm. Mr. Spore is connected by membership with the Odd Fellows, the Grange, the Home Guards of America, the I. O. F., and the Rebecca branch of the Odd Fellows, taking an interest in all these organizations and as nearly as possible setting an example as to their aims and benefits.

FREDERICK BEACH, whose finely equipped farm of eighty acres lies five miles northwest of Crestline, O., in Vernon township, Crawford county, O., is one of the well known residents, his whole life having been more or less passed in this section. He was born in Crawford county in 1837, and is a son of Rinehardt and Louisa (Klahn) Beach. The parents of Mr. Beach came to the United States from Germany in 1829 and settled in Crawford county. They had the following children: Adam, Frederick, Margaret, Sarah, Elizabeth, George, Caroline, William, Samuel, Susan and Louisa, the last named dying at the age of 15 years.

Frederick Beach attended the district schools in boyhood although their advantages were meager compared with those of the present day, and remained at home assisting his father until he was 15 years of age. Then he learned the cabinetmaking trade and worked at the same for six years and then returned to the farm and has been mainly interested in farming ever since. He bought one farm and afterward sold it and then purchased his present one on which he has made many improvements. He carries on general farming and raises stock, having always been a man of industry and good judgment and has prospered.

Mr. Beach was married to Miss Margaret E. Feick, a daughter of John G. Feick, native of Germany, and ten children have been born to them, namely: Emma S., who married William Harter and lives at Sandusky City, O.; George H., who married Ida Brendle and lives at Toledo, O.; John W., a physician practicing at Arlington, O., who married Florence Ragle; Samuel F., who lives at Sandusky, and who married Hattie Jakes; Minnie M., who is the wife of Albert Bender, of Sandusky; Charles C., deceased, September 21, 1907, who was a

physician in Indiana, and married to Emma Cline; Callie A., the wife of William Beyers, who lives at Shelby, O.; Augusta, who died in infancy; Cornelius, who is superintendent of the Irondale schools in Jefferson county and lives at home; and Luetta, the youngest, who also lives with her parents. Mrs. Beach has two sisters in Germany, Mary and Barbara, while two, Elizabeth C. and Catherine, and a brother, John G., are in America. Mr. Beach and family are members of the German Reformed church and all are people who are held in the highest esteem in their neighborhood.

CALEB B. FOSTER,* now living retired after many years of successful business endeavor and efficient official life, occupies his comfortable home which is situated at No. 510 Spring street, Bucyrus, O. Mr. Foster was born May 17, 1831, in Stark county, O., and is a son of William and Elizabeth (Crolminger) Foster.

William Foster was born in New York and his wife in Pennsylvania and both came when young to Stark county, O., where they married and continued to live. By trade William Foster was a shoemaker and he also conducted a farm. He was a quiet, industrious, well meaning man and was known all over the county. In his political views he was a Jacksonian Democrat. He survived his wife, his death occurring during the Civil War, when aged about 60 years. They were members of the U. B. church. Of their large family of children three survive: Caleb B. and George, the latter of whom resides at Lansing, Mich., being now in his 76th year. The father was twice married and one daughter of the first union survives, Sarah A., who is the widow of a veteran of the Civil War.

Caleb B. Foster was quite young when his parents came from Stark county to Bucyrus and here he was reared and schooled. He learned the carpenter trade and later became a building contractor and erected many of the substantial structures of Bucyrus before he retired from active life quite a long time since. He was then elected a justice of the peace and served in that office for 21 years during which time his decisions were seldom reversed. He has been a Democrat since he first exercised his citizen's privilege and for some years was

a member of the Democratic county organizations.

Mr. Foster was married first in Crawford county to Miss Maria Simmons, who died in 1862, aged 35 years, at Occola, where Mr. Foster lived for some 12 years. At Occola he was married again, Miss Annetta Fox becoming his second wife. Her death occurred in March, 1908, at Bucyrus. Both wives were estimable women but neither left issue. Although Mr. Foster has no daughters he has had the tender care of an estimable woman during his declining years, in the person of Miss Jennie Smith. She was born at Chambersburg, Pa., 45 years ago, and came to Bucyrus when aged 19 years, and for some ten years has been at the head of Mr. Foster's household.

WILLIAM GUNDRUM, who is one of the leading men of Vernon township, Crawford county, O., township trustee and a prosperous farmer, owns $51\frac{1}{4}$ acres of valuable land, situated eight miles north of Crestline, O. He was born on his father's farm in Crawford county, eight miles east of Bucyrus, O., and is a son of Silas and Lavina (Buck) Gundrum.

Silas Gundrum was born in Pennsylvania and was five years old when his parents moved to Ohio and settled in Crawford county. Here he grew to manhood and then married Lavina Buck, who was born in Ohio and they had eight children born to them, namely: John, who lives two and a half miles east of Galion, O., and who married Maggie Ostermeyer; Anna, who is deceased; Joseph, living in Sandusky township, who married Ruie Fetter; Silas, who is deceased; Maggie, who married Albert Heller, of Sandusky township; Emma, who is deceased; and Frank and William. Silas Gundrum died March 9, 1902, his wife having passed away some years before, the date of her death being Oct. 2, 1898.

William Gundrum obtained his education in the district schools and assisted his father until he was 21 years of age. After that he engaged in farm work for other agriculturists, by the day or the month for a time and afterward rented land for five years, at the end of which time he bought his present place, on which he carries on general farming. He has made all the excellent improvements here and has doubled the value of his property.

Mr. Gundrum married Miss Emma Fix, who is a daughter of Andrew and Matilda Fix, and they have three children: Grace, Blanche and Zella. Mrs. Gundrum has one sister and two brothers: Bert, Charles and Lilly. One sister, Mary, is deceased. In politics Mr. Gundrum is a Democrat and frequently has been called upon to serve in local offices. For a number of years he has been a member of the township school board and at present is a very efficient member of the township board of trustees. He belongs to the United Brethren church.

L. H. NAGEL, a prominent business man of Brokensword, O., who conducts the largest general store in the place, was born in this town in 1880 and is a son of John and Elizabeth (Gearhart) Nagel.

John Nagel was born in Erie county, O., and from there came to Crawford county when aged 21 years and for 21 subsequent years was engaged in the hotel business at Brokensword. He is now a manufacturer of soft drinks, at Bellevue, O., being in his sixty-fourth year. He married Elizabeth Gearhart, who was brought to America when a child of four years and spent her after life at Brokensword, where she died in her 54th year. They had three children: Esther, who is the wife of Henry Shealy, of Bucyrus; Emma, who married George Grower; and L. H., of Brokensword.

L. H. Nagel was educated in the public schools and first entered into business at Bucyrus, in the clothing line, and continued until May 16, 1904, when he opened his present store at Brokensword, where he owns his own building and has, by far, the largest patronage of any business house in the place. His stock includes a complete assortment of groceries, dry goods, boots, shoes and hardware.

Mr. Nagel is a Democrat in politics and fraternally is connected with the Maccabees, the Foresters, and belongs to the National Protective Legion at Bucyrus. Mr. Nagel is unmarried.

HENRY PHILLIPS, a representative citizen and a native of Whetstone township, owns 274 acres of land located in this township, 100 acres of which constitute the farm on which



A. N. PHILLIPS

he lives. He was born Feb. 26, 1850. His father, Benjamin Phillips, was born in Northumberland county, Pa., but came to Ohio when a boy of 12 years and spent most of his life in Whetstone township, where he followed farming. He married Sarah Null, a native of Parks county, Pa., and to them were born four children: Rebecca, Henry, Franklin and Samuel, all of whom are deceased except Henry, whose name heads this article. Benjamin Phillips was a Democrat in politics and he and his wife attended the Reformed church. They are both now deceased and their remains rest in Whetstone cemetery.

After completing a common school education, Henry Phillips went to work on the farm with his father. He later owned a threshing machine and a saw mill which he operated in connection with his farm work. His first purchase of land was a tract of 20 acres, which he bought in partnership with his brother Samuel and to this through his industry and ambition he has added until now he owns 274 acres of excellent land on which he carries on general farming and raises stock for his own use.

Henry Phillips was united in marriage in 1883 to Miss Sarah Kunert, a daughter of Charles W. and Mary (Franks) Kunert, farming people of this county. Their children were: Charles, John, Frank, Jacob, Samuel, Sarah, Josephine (wife of John Dapper) and Anna (wife of William Crider).

To Mr. and Mrs. Henry Phillips have been born children as follows: Ada P., wife of William H. Ruth; Edwin R., who lives on the homestead farm; Ida, the wife of Arthur Gearhart; Mary S., the wife of Fred Stiger; Russell S., Luther H., Anna M., Paul B. and Esther S.

Mr. Phillips is a Democrat in his political views and has served several times as road supervisor. Religiously, he is identified with the Reformed church.

A. N. PHILLIPS, deceased, for many years was a prominent and representative man in Crawford county, O., and a useful, respected and esteemed resident of his community. He was born in Frederick county, Md., June 25, 1846, and died on his valuable farm of 235 acres, situated in Tod township, June 1, 1911. His parents were John and

Ruth Phillips, who were natives of Maryland, where the father died in February, 1860, she in the following May coming to Crawford county, and died in August of the same year.

A. N. Phillips attended the country schools and later became a student at Heidelberg University and was ever afterward considered a man of well trained faculties and excellent judgment, this general opinion making his fellow citizens anxious to secure his advice on perplexing questions and eager to see him serving in responsible offices. For 18 months, soon after returning from the university, he served as deputy auditor. In 1875 he went into the flour mill business on his own place and continued until 1886 and afterward, for many years, carried on the usual farm activities. From his own quarries he furnished the stone for the building of many of the good roads in this section. For 30 years he was a notary public and he settled up and administered many estates. Those who knew him well remember him as a man faithful and conscientious in the performance of every duty, a man who was honest in all business relations and was kind, thoughtful and considerate of his friends.

In April, 1884, Mr. Phillips was married to Miss Alice Teeterick, a daughter of Samuel and Margaret Teeterick. Her father was born in New York and her mother in Germany, the latter having been brought to America when six years old and lived for a time in Pennsylvania and then came to Bucyrus, O., where she was married to Mr. Teeterick on Sept. 14, 1842. They have had eleven children born to them and eight of these still live. To Mr. and Mrs. Phillips two children were born: an infant that died early; and Charles Albert, who was born July 4, 1897, and died when aged five years, six months and eighteen days. In his views on public questions Mr. Phillips was a consistent Democrat. While he never united with any particular church body he was a Christian in faith and works and gave liberally to every worthy cause, and for 20 years taught the Bible class in the Methodist Episcopal church. Mrs. Phillips owns the valuable farm left by her husband and it is under the excellent management of her brother, Frank Teeterick, a well known farmer of Tod township.

AMANDUS FENNER,* deceased, for many years was a well known business man at Bucyrus, O., where the larger part of his life was passed and where he was held in high esteem. He was born April 25, 1855, at the Delaware Water Gap, Monroe county, Pa., a son of George and Elizabeth (Bush) Fenner.

The parents of Mr. Fenner came to Crawford county, O., in 1857, settling at Bucyrus, where they spent the rest of their lives, the mother dying at the age of 60 years and the father, of heart disease, when aged 70 years. He was a carpenter contractor and in his line of business was well known all over the county. There were five children in his family, four of whom reached maturity: Frank, Foster, Eliza and Amandus. George Fenner and wife were members of the Lutheran church.

Amandus Fenner remained at home and attended school until he was 15 years of age, when he went to Cleveland in order to learn fine house painting and decorating under competent instructors and remained in that city until he was 21, when he returned to Bucyrus, where he followed the above trade during the rest of his active life. He built up a large business of his own in this direction, giving employment to from five to eight expert helpers, and all over Bucyrus may be found examples of his taste and skill.

On Nov. 7, 1878, Mr. Fenner was married to Miss E. O. Hufrangle, who was born Dec. 11, 1865, at Bucyrus, O., which has always been her home. Her parents were Frederick and Frederica (Roch) Hufrangle, natives of Germany. They came to Bucyrus when young people, married and spent their lives here, the death of the father occurring July 3, 1894, at the age of 65 years, and that of the mother on March 4, 1902, when in her 61st year. For some years he followed the trade of harness maker and saddler and afterward successfully engaged in the dairy business. Mrs. Fenner has the following brothers and sisters: Otto, August, Frederick, Edward, Cora, William and Elsie, all of whom are married and in comfortable circumstances. To Mr. and Mrs. Fenner the following children were born: Maybell, who was born November 8, 1890, and married Walter V. Bybee, who is in the electrical supply business in Cincinnati; Irene Julia,

who was born April 26, 1892, and resides with her mother; Marie Elizabeth, who was born August 23, 1898; and George, who was born June 15, 1902. Mrs. Fenner and family are members of the German Lutheran church as were her parents. Both her father and husband were Democrats in their political affiliation. Mrs. Fenner owns considerable valuable property in this city, including her handsome residence at No. 718 Rogers street.

LOUIS EDWARD SHEALY, who is one of the representative citizens and careful and prosperous farmers of Liberty township, Crawford county, O., resides on his highly improved farm of 98¾ acres, and was born in this township in 1869. He is a son of Gottlieb and Frederica (Bauer) Shealy.

Gottlieb Shealy and wife were both born in Wittenberg, Germany. He came to the United States when aged 14 years and after marriage lived in Liberty township, Crawford county, O. They had the following children born to them: George, who is a resident of Liberty township as is his next brother, Jacob, neither of whom have married; Catherine, who is the wife of Jacob Green, and lives in Liberty township; Louisa, deceased, who was the wife of Jacob Ackerman of Chatfield township; Ricka, deceased, who was the wife of John Green, of Mercer county; Elizabeth, who keeps house for her unmarried brothers; and Louis E.

Louis E. Shealy secured a district school education and continued to work on his father's farm afterward until his marriage and for four years longer and then bought the home farm, it pleasing him better than any other situated in Crawford county. He remodeled the barn and erected a modern residence and made many other improvements which serve to place this farm among the best in this section of the county. He carries on stock raising and general farming and is a practical and prosperous agriculturist.

Mr. Shealy was united in marriage with Miss Lydia F. Hieber, who was born in 1870, in Liberty township, a daughter of Christian and Christiana (Wagner) Hieber. Mrs. Shealy had one brother, John G., who died in 1902, survived by his widow, Elizabeth (Shieber) Hieber. Mrs. Shealy's sisters were:

Louisa, who married Emanuel Shieber, of Liberty township; Anna, who died at the age of 20 years; and Bertha, who lives in Liberty township.

Mr. and Mrs. Shealy have two children: Luella Lydia and Alton Edward, both of whom reside at home. The family belongs to the Lutheran church, in which Mr. Shealy is an official, being treasurer and also a member of the board of trustees of this church. He has served his township in the office of road supervisor and is well informed concerning the subject of good roads.

JOHN H. HARTER, deceased, who was a well known and highly respected citizen of Crawford county, O., for many years was a successful agriculturist and held numerous offices of responsibility in his section and was a veteran officer of the great Civil War. Captain Harter was born at Aaronsburg, Center county, Pa., Aug. 11, 1838, and was a son of William and Rebecca Harter, both of whom are buried at Aaronsburg, Pa.

Mr. Harter had district school advantages in boyhood and then learned the blacksmith trade and was engaged at work in that line at Mifflinburg, in Union county, Pa., when he enlisted for service in the Civil War, in July, 1862. He entered Company D, 150th Pa. Vol. Inf., as a private, and participated in 20 battles and had been promoted many times for gallantry before his injuries when he was forced to retire from military life on Oct. 20, 1864, on a surgeon's certificate. His company was first detailed to do guard duty at the summer home of Abraham Lincoln and then was sent to the front to partake in the battles of Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, the Wilderness campaign and Petersburg. Capt. Harter's army record is the subject of frequent reference in a popular library book entitled "The Recollections of a Drummer Boy," which appeared first in St. Nicholas Magazine and later was published by Ticknor & Co., of Boston, Mass. The author of these recollections, Rev. Harry M. Kieffer, was the drummer boy of the company of which Mr. Harter was captain and the two were bunk mates and personal friends.

In July, 1862, Mr. Harter was made corporal in rank and on May 3, 1864, had reached the rank of first lieutenant and on June 26,

1864, was commissioned captain. He was wounded at Spottsylvania on May 10th, at Petersburg on June 18th and again on Aug. 10, 1864, and these injuries so disabled him that he unwillingly had to accept his discharge, honorable although it was. He united with the G. A. R. at Nevada, O., and was valued as a comrade in that body.

After his first marriage, Mr. Harter settled at Nevada, O., as a blacksmith and carriage builder and was associated with his brother, Thomas H. Harter, in the ownership of the old Nevada enterprise, a weekly newspaper, selling his interest in it on Jan. 3, 1879, to J. N. Wilcox. In 1882 he bought a farm north of Oceola, on which he resided until 1901, when he retired to Oceola, where his death occurred on March 9, 1912. Mr. Harter owned 182 acres and was an expert farmer. For a number of years he had been vice president and a director of the Crawford County Mutual Fire Insurance Company, and a member and official of the Crawford County Agricultural Society. He became a Republican in politics at the resumption of specie payments in 1879 and was steadfast in his political faith till his death. He was many years a member of the Masonic fraternity and belonged also to the Jr. O. U. A. M.

At Oceola, O., Feb. 28, 1867, Mr. Harter was married to Miss Margaretta A. Forrest, a lady of fine literary talents and the author of some popular poems. They had four children, namely: Frederick, who resides at Oceola, and married Kittie Stiner, they having three children; Marion, who married Albert Hauslail and has two children; James W., an attorney and resident of Duluth, Minn., who married Nellie Walters, of Akron, O., and Bessie, who resides at Oceola. The mother of the above children died March 2, 1895. In 1897 Captain Harter was married to Mrs. Lena (Sharp) Doty, of Oceola. Mrs. Doty had one son, Harry, by her former marriage, and to her second marriage one son was born, Robert. Mrs. Harter lives in the family residence in Oceola. She is well known and has a wide circle of friends in this section of Crawford county, in which she has passed her life.

HERSCHEL V. FLICKINGER, deputy county surveyor of Crawford county, O., and formerly county surveyor, has been identified

with the surveyor's office since 1895 and is recognized as one of the most capable men in this line of work in North Central Ohio. He was born in Holmes township, Crawford county, O., July 11, 1860, coming from one of the old county families.

Samuel Flickinger, grandfather of Herschel V. Flickinger, was born in Bucks county, Pa., and was one of the early settlers in Stark county, O., from which section he came to Crawford county, probably about 1822. He secured 160 acres of government land situated in Holmes township, four miles from the present busy city of Bucyrus, a place of three houses at that time. He kept his land and improved it and died there when aged 72 years. He was a man of influence in the Democratic party and was a representative pioneer in the best sense of the word. He married Malinda Healy, who was born in Vermont, and she also died in Holmes township. Their 12 children all survived to maturity and all married with one exception. The only one yet living is Mrs. Horace Austin, of Ravenna, O.

Horace Flickinger, father of Herschel V., was born in 1833, in Holmes township, Crawford county, was reared on the homestead and inherited a part of it. Later he purchased a farm in Bucyrus township and there spent the rest of his life, his death taking place in 1898. In addition to farming he was also interested in lumbering for some 25 years and owned a saw mill. He was married in Holmes township to Catherine Fralick, who was born there in 1843, and died in Bucyrus township in 1909. She was a daughter of Henry Fralick, formerly a farmer in Holmes township. To Horace and Catherine Flickinger the following children were born: Herschel V.; Della, who is the wife of F. Lincoln Harvey of Bucyrus, and has four children—Carrie, Harrison, Cecil and Maude; Clement L., who is a farmer in Bucyrus township, unmarried; Alvin G., who is a clerk in the county auditor's office; and Carrie B., who is the wife of A. L. Shumaker.

Herschel V. Flickinger attended the country schools, later those of Bucyrus and afterward was a student in the North Western University at Ada, O. Well qualified for any line of business, circumstances led to his becoming identified with official life in his native county and

his usefulness has been so recognized that more or less he has been connected with public affairs in the county ever since leaving college. In his many years of official life he has been deputy county auditor and deputy treasurer under Treasurer C. F. Shonert. In November, 1895, he was elected county surveyor and served for six years, and served six years as deputy under Surveyor Bryant, and in September, 1911, was appointed deputy under Surveyor L. P. Michelis. He has administered all these offices carefully and well, performing his duties with perfect accuracy and with satisfaction to the public. He is a zealous Democrat and has been appointed a delegate to county, state and congressional conventions. One of the charter members of the fraternal order of Eagles, he has always taken a deep interest in that organization and was its first vice president and belongs also to the Elks. He is unmarried.

JACOB J. SCHNEIDER, a general farmer and well known and respected citizen of Crawford county, O., who owns 100 acres of valuable land, in partnership with his brother, Adam Schneider, situated in section 11, Cranberry township, was born two miles northwest of Leesville, O. His parents were John Jacob and Margaret (Loutenslater) Schneider.

John Jacob Schneider was born in one of the Rhine provinces, Germany, and was 18 years of age when he accompanied his parents, Michael and Elizabeth Schneider, to America, who settled with their three sons and one daughter, in Pennsylvania. Later they came to Leesville, O., and still later moved on a farm in Chatfield township, Crawford county, one mile northeast of Chatfield, and there they died and their burial was in the cemetery attached to the Reformed church. John Jacob Schneider followed farming during the greater part of his life. For two years after his marriage he lived at Leesville and then moved on the farm which is now owned by his sons, Jacob J. and Adam. Here his death occurred when he was aged 71 years and his burial was in the Chatfield cemetery. In politics he was a Democrat and was a man of influence in Cranberry township and served one term as road supervisor. He belonged to the Reformed church. His widow survives and lives

in Chatfield township. Nine children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Schneider and all but two, Mary and an infant son, survive, namely: Margaret, Emma, Lewis, Hannah, Jacob J., Adam and William.

Jacob J. Schneider obtained his early knowledge of books in what is known as the Swiss school, in Chatfield township and was about five years old when his parents moved on the present home farm. In association with his brother Adam he has improved the place which includes the building of the substantial and comfortable farm house. Mr. Schneider was married to Miss Caroline Huber, who was born at New Washington, O., a daughter of Charles Huber. They are members of the Lutheran church. Mr. Schneider and his brother are identified with the Democratic party but neither have ever sought political office. They are practical farmers and quiet, industrious citizens.

WILLIAM C. SCOTT, a prosperous farmer and well known citizen of Dallas township, Crawford county, O., resides on his well improved farm of 80 acres, devoting it to general agriculture. He was born in Harrison county, O., Jan. 5, 1854, and is a son of Andrew and Michel (Trickel) Scott.

The father of Mr. Scott was a native of Ohio and was a farmer all his active life. The mother was born in Maryland. They were members of the Methodist Episcopal church. Of their children, William C., was the youngest, the others being: Charlotte, wife of Samuel Lelly; Wesley; Matilda, wife of John Gwinner; Bishop; Nathan; Mary, wife of Miles Murphy; and Jane, wife of Leonard Huffman.

William C. Scott has been interested continuously in farming ever since his school days. He lost his father when he was only 15 years of age and more or less has looked out for himself since then, working for several years by the month with neighboring farmers before he went into business on his own account. After renting land for 20 years he purchased his present farm, from Dice Beers and immediately set about improving it. It required tiling and fencing and before Mr. Scott was satisfied he had also built a comfortable house and substantial barn. His land is in fine condition and satisfactorily productive.

In 1872 Mr. Scott was married to Miss Anna Kimble, who was born in Crawford county and is a daughter of Nicholas and Sarah (Billings) Kimble, well known residents of this section. Their children all survive with the exception of three sons, William, James and Nicholas. The others are: Mary, wife of Thomas Woodruth; Lillian, wife of James Cowells.; Joseph; Charlotte, wife of Andrew Claybaugh; Daniel; Amy, wife of William Wilson; Cora, wife of Duke Wells; and Anna, wife of William C. Scott. To Mr. and Mrs. Scott nine children have been born, namely: Elmer, who married Laura Albright; Charles, who married Laura Kearns; Phebe, who married Hanford Cline; Alfred, who married Eva Monnette; Gertrude, who married Jess Canode; Naomi, who married Clinton Shaw; May, who married George Purviss; Sanford, who married Anna Kiesling; and Ray, who married Jessie Kiesling. Mr. Scott and family attend the Methodist Episcopal church. In politics he is a Republican as was his father. He has never been eager for political position but as a matter of duty has served as school director, being much interested in the public schools and in every movement that promises to advance the general welfare of the community.

JOHN NICHOLAS REXROTH. 1800-1867. John Nicholas (Johann Nicholaus) Rexroth was the first bearing that surname to locate in Crawford county, O. He arrived with his young family in 1833.

The name is a Latin-German derivation and means "The Red-King." Relatives in the fatherland adhere to a tradition that it dates back to one of the Othos, an emperor of Germany, from whom the family traces descent. Another version comes from a member of the family, who in his travels came upon the name, in a city of southern Europe, where it was recorded, centuries ago, that the second syllable or part was *rath* meaning counselor, in German, and that the word meant "The King's Counselor." Unfortunately his record is not available and the name of the city is forgotten. Either meaning points to some close connection with royalty.

The practice of giving a common prenominal or given name, as occurred in the family, and

which was, Johann to the sons and Johanna to the daughter, suggests a custom of the last days of the Roman republic. Whatever the facts may be as to the remote ancestors, it is certain the immediate ancestors of the subject under review, were honest, industrious, religious people, who intended to meet life's needs honorably and to the best of their ability.

John Nicholas Rexroth was born at Erbach, Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany, Nov. 6, 1800. He was the eldest child in a family of eight sons and two daughters born to John Conrad Rexroth and wife. The names of the sons, in the order of their ages, omitting the common given name, only as by repetition it becomes the real given name, were—Nicholas, Johan, Karl, Eberhard, Johanness, George, Ludwig and Conrad, and the daughters, Mary and Sophia. These names, with the common given name, were so blended in their use in the family as to constitute a new list. The mother of these children was a large woman of fine administrative ability and a thorough disciplinarian. System and order were the rule in her home, though ever pervaded by the spirit of kindness and the loving gentleness of the true mother. Of her thriftiness, American descendants were assured, when after her death and by her previous order, the oaken, iron-bound chests with their generous shipments of linen sheets, shirts, etc., arrived for her loved children in America. Of the above named children, Nicholas, Johanness, Mary and Sophia and descendants of Karl and Conrad emigrated to America. There were about forty grandchildren, descendants of the original family and the posterity is now a large company. The American contingent is already widely distributed and high school, college and university graduates with their degrees are numerous among them, and the emblem of Phi Beta Kappa is also in evidence. They are engaged in a variety of honorable and useful pursuits, agricultural leading, and the so-called professions, teaching, ministry, missionary, medicine, dentistry, have representatives from them who are making good.

Each of the children of the elder Rexroth received a common school education and all of them were indoctrinated in the tenets of the Lutheran faith and confirmed and received into that church at the usual age.

The father was a blacksmith and trained all but one of his sons in that trade; the son exempt had met with an injury to one of his hands. The smithy with its numerous forges, was no small affair; but an extensive establishment and the leading one of its kind in that locality and drew its patronage from a wide area. There, were manufactured agricultural implements and the iron parts of wagons and vehicles of all kinds. Those sturdy sons of vulcan drove a thriving business as they wrought at the flaming forge, and not one ever seemed to suspect that the world owed him a living, only as he returned an equivalent in useful labor. In addition to the home training, each son traveled as a journeyman workman through a prescribed territory, to learn best methods, as pertaining to his art. The "wanderbuch" (journal) is an interesting relic of this practice. It was in this way that one of them discovered the family name as referred to above. The youngest son, Conrad, traveled more extensively than the others, spending considerable time in Switzerland. He became a highly skilled artisan and possessed the taste and genius of an artist. Later he became attached to the court of the Grand-duke George II, of Saxe Meiningen and had charge of all equipages, designing, drafting all designs and superintending the construction of all ducal coaches, carriages, etc., with their silk and satin brocade upholstery and of these, the fashions changed annually. Thus, the inventive faculty of the superintendent was not without exercise. The duke, who is living at the age of seventy-nine, possesses several palaces of great magnitude and has as a confidential secretary, a son of Conrad Rexroth, who among other duties, signs all orders on the government pay-roll. The only member of this branch of the family, in this country, is Mrs. S. Kranich, North Sandusky Avenue, Bucyrus, O. George, the sixth son of Conrad, Sr., became quite wealthy, being rated near a millionaire before his death. The homestead is in his family; the house where all the children were born, built many years ago, is still used as a residence; he took care of his aged parents—the mother survived the father fifteen years and was an invalid for several years and received her daily outing in a wheel-chair, propelled by a grandson. From

recent advices, a cousin, once removed, of our subject is a government surveyor in the German empire, resides at the imperial palace and eats at the same table with the emperor. A relative, Rev. George Rexroth, is at present pastor of the First German Methodist church, at Frankfort-on-the-Main.

The subject of this sketch was relieved from military duty as his help would be needed to raise the large family of younger sons, who would contribute to the service of the state, which each one did as he arrived at the proper age. He was a most dutiful and industrious son, whom the father affectionately called the "Bread Winner." His influence in the home and business was very salutary and in later years members of the family took pleasure in bearing witness to it, a common expression being: "He was so pleasant to be with or work with." The young man's journal recites that he left home on his journeyman tour, Aug. 28, 1822, and bears stamps of many places visited and signatures of deputies or magistrates testifying to his fidelity. After serving the required time, he returned to help his father until early in 1830 when he departed for America, where the record states he arrived at Baltimore, Md., May 24th, 1830. There he made the acquaintance of and married Anna Maria Rittman on the ninth day of January, 1831. The wedding was solemnized in the "Old Otterbein Church" by the incumbent pastor. The wife was born Dec. 29, 1806, at Middle Mutchelbach, near Manheim, Baden. Her ancestors came from Denmark. The family had suffered hardships on account of the wars of Napoleon, two uncles being in the Russian campaign, one of whom perished at the siege of Moscow. The father died when this daughter was an infant and the mother when she was sixteen years of age. When, after some years of indecision as to her life course, a family of neighbors and close friends decided to emigrate to America, she concluded to go with them and at once converted her patrimony into money and joined the company. They embarked on a sail ship and were thirteen weeks on the ocean—all the passengers being sea-sick but herself, but after arriving she was the longest in becoming acclimated. They arrived at Baltimore in 1829 where, later, she was married, as above stated. She was a very comely young woman, with an

almost perfect complexion which never lost its beautiful tint in spite of the hardships endured, to the close of her more than 86 years. She was fond of society, interested in business and public affairs, possessed strong practical sense, a fine sense of humor and readily made and retained friends.

Not being decided as to their future, permanent location, the young couple went to Gettysburgh, Pa., on account of relatives, the Schmucker family, prominent in the college and the Luthern church at that place; but the tide of emigration had set strongly to the Northwest Territory and they were carried with it and in company with others they endured the hardships of the journey until they reached Bucyrus, O., where they decided to locate. Here, in 1833, Mr. Rexroth erected a good frame house, still used as a residence, and a forge at the corner of what are South Walnut and Middletown streets, where he worked, industriously, at his trade and rapidly accumulated property, investing his earnings in land. He was an extremely hard-working and conscientious tradesman, all his activities being marked by celerity and energy, and a desire to perform his work to the full satisfaction of his patrons. Like all pioneer tradesmen, whose business required a fuel, that would yield an intense heat, he must needs burn his own charcoal. These occasions gave the wife an experience of adventure, not quite to her liking—in going into the deep forest to carry meals to her husband who must stay by the charcoal kiln until the product was finished she frequently met Indians sometimes returning from Bucyrus full of "Sandusky water," which always was a cause of fright; but as they were the friendly Wyandottes, she was never harmed. After about eight eight years of residence at Bucyrus, Mr. Rexroth removed with his family to New Winchester. The reason for this change is not known unless it was a desire to engage in brick-making and a large tract of suitable land to be had there induced him to make the venture. Possibly he had wearied of the hard, unremitting toil and thought the change would bring relief. The question of the future value of the location when all the settlements around were mere villages and their future conjectural and when Brokensword Avenue was laid out at Occola

to accommodate the future county buildings, did not seem to have influenced him to make the change. But brick-making, other than gold bricks, was a premature venture, pioneers having plenty of building material and little cash and after a few years the business was abandoned and he again took up the work of his trade and later, seeing Bucyrus advancing, he returned hither in the spring of 1849 and moved into his own house, which had stood unoccupied. Here with the help of the older sons and apprentices, whom he had trained, he resumed business with the customary success. In 1856 the forge was moved farther on Middletown street and a new residence was built on the corner, which, at the present time, is spoken of as one of the best built houses in the city, with its substantial oak framework in contrast with the light-timbered buildings of to-day.

But the oldest son having died and the younger sons desiring to engage in farming, the father sold the town property and bought land and in the spring of 1858 the family moved to the new purchase, south of the city, adjoining the corporation. From this location, the younger children continued to attend the town schools and the Ohio State Normal School which flourished for a few years, but was closed on account of the war. Some years later another change was deemed advantageous—this was to the farm on the Marion road, known as the Riley Pettit farm, a well-improved place with a commodious brick residence. Here, on the 17th of June, 1867, "life's labors ended" and the father passed into the better life, in the sixty-seventh year of his age.

Mr. Rexroth was a man with an ardent religious nature, very candid and confiding and financial reverses which came to him and despoiled him of much of his hard earned property are directly traceable to this fact, as his personal and business habits were correct and almost ideal. He became surety for others and lost, though never in any sense reduced to abject poverty as he always owned his own home; but as the reverses interfered with privileges for his family, which he had fondly cherished, his regret was deep and sincere. His tender sympathy, kindness of speech and gentleness of manner disarmed prejudice

and his children and friends ever held him in deepest regard amounting to reverence. He looked upon life as a sacred trust and upon himself as one who must give an account of his stewardship. To him, success was the meeting of moral obligations to his fellow men, rather than the amassing of wealth by personal shrewdness. The only true estimate of this man must be based upon his personality, rather than on his worldly achievements. To him the character whose activities approached most nearly the true standard of conduct, whether of a rich man or a poor man, marked the successful man, so in life much time and labor were spent in exhorting men to keep their consciences and their records clean and family and friends ever saw that he conscientiously practiced what he preached.

The influence of such a personality can never die and the sentiment of a descendant, uttered in a burst of enthusiasm: "Oh, how it wears," was full of meaning.

Though reared and confirmed in the Lutheran church, he and his wife resolved to identify themselves with religious people, wherever their lot might be cast, even if of another denomination; thus we find them members of the Evangelical Association and later German Methodists. They helped to found the first German Methodist church at Bucyrus and Mr. Rexroth was the confidential correspondent of the Reverend William Nast, the founder of German Methodism in the United States, and the organizer of the local church. He was ever the sympathetic friend and adviser of his pastors and they valued his spiritual help and support. One of the most prominent of them said, recently, "When I was pastor at Bucyrus, I always felt that Brother Rexroth ought to be in the pulpit and I in the pew, such was the impression his spiritual insight and attainments made upon me." His ability along this line was greatly appreciated in pioneer days and brought into exercise by calls to the homes of sickness and death and on occasions of funerals when in the absence of a pastor, he was invited to address the people and speak the words of comfort.

An incident occurring during the residence at New Winchester deserves a permanent record, though the main features only can be noted.

A fellow-countryman had arrived and erected his primitive abode in the dense woods near the village. Mr. Rexroth had met him and they had a long conversation—this was the extent of their acquaintance. Several weeks thereafter Mr. Rexroth had a vision or a dream three times repeated in one night, representing the new arrival as being in great distress and needing his help and directing him to go to the relief. He arose at dawn intending to go to the home; but the wife thinking it was only a dream due to indigestion interposed objections which caused him to delay, but later the wife noting his distress advised him to go and investigate which he did and upon arriving found the man unconscious from a fatal injury received that morning when he had gone out to fell timber and he died before night. The remarkable feature was that when Mr. Rexroth was passing a night of distress on account of this man and directed to go to his relief—the victim himself was well and resting peacefully in his bed.

The occurrence made a profound impression, as the people saw that the revelation to Mr. Rexroth coming before the accident could have had none but a supernatural source and as showing the close connection between the spirit world and this.

After the death of the father the family home was transferred to Bucyrus and maintained there until all the children were married, after which the mother chose to live with her youngest daughter with visits to her other children, this arrangement continuing for many years, till within several years of her death when she went to live with her son John and family, where on March 2, 1893, she passed into the spirit world in the eighty-seventh year of her age. She had survived her husband nearly twenty-six years. Her jovial disposition and less intense nature were, no doubt, conservators of the vital forces as death was due to congestion of the lungs and not to the infirmities of age. Her burial was in Oakwood cemetery, in the family lot beside her husband. She was a devoted wife and mother, sharing to the full the privations and hardships of pioneer life, always inculcating respect and obedience to high ideals of living and ministering to the needs of others, to the best of her ability.

The ten children born to this pioneer couple are briefly sketched as follows: All but one lived to maturity, all were reared in the Methodist faith and united with that church in early life, all had such school privileges as the pioneer communities afforded, four, succeeding the oldest in age, were born at Bucyrus, O., the rest at New Winchester. Each of the living is enjoying a material competency obtained by observing the natural laws of success—patient industry, economy, sacrifice and good management. In politics, the sons are Republicans as their father was, who, previously, had been a Whig.

Adam, born at Gettysburg, Pa., March 28, 1832, died at Bucyrus, O., Jan. 10, 1855; a young man of superior mental endowments; a faithful helper to his father, and devoted to the welfare of the family. His leisure was employed in acquiring knowledge, his books showing a purpose to have a liberal education. His last illness was protracted and full of suffering. Incidents of the sickness and death resulted in the conversion of his physician, a highly educated German, who had been an atheist. The last audible words of Adam Rexroth were a quotation from Shakespeare in German: "Ende gut; alles gut," spoken to his father.

Catherine, born Nov. 21, 1833, is living at Nevada, O., at the age of seventy-nine; is well, with mental faculties unimpaired, surrounded by most of her children. She married Emanuel Albright, the children born of this union being, William W., Joseph R., George H., married Harriet Snyder; Mary, deceased, married Lewis Kissling; Gertrude, married John Kissling; Grace, married John W. Stuckman, president of the Crawford County Agricultural Society; Nellie, married George Fahl, deceased; Frederick married Beril Kerr; Margaret M., married Henry Gushman; and a deceased infant. Mr. Albright was a great-nephew of Jacob Albright, founder of the Evangelical church and served the full time in the Civil war. He died in 1897 and is buried in Nevada cemetery.

John, born May 10, 1836, died May 8, 1895, at his home on the Sandusky Pike; successful farmer and stock raiser; member of the M. E. church, in which he held many official positions; director of the First National Bank, the

officials being his pall-bearers; a man honored and beloved. Dec. 18, 1867, he married Magdalena Frey, a worthy lady, who survives. Children: Charles married Catharine Kieffer; John, deceased; Lillian L.; Roy married Lula Spore; Clyde; Elva married Edward Campbell.

Daniel, born Oct. 24, 1837, living at his home on the Marion Road; successful agriculturist, helped to found Scioto chapel; many years president of Crawford County Mutual Insurance Company. Dec. 2, 1862, married Mary Purkey, strong personality, now deceased. Living children: Edward K. married Margaret Montgomery; Anna married D. N. Harvey; and Raymond C. married Maud Chesney. Deceased, Charles, the first born, at thirteen months; Effie Nina and Nellie Belle in young womanhood; and several infants.

Elizabeth, born May 20, 1840, died in the Methodist parsonage at Upper Sandusky, Oct. 19, 1889. Graduate of Mt. Union College, teacher of drawing and oil painting at the college, also teacher in Bucyrus public schools, an almost perfect reader of human nature, and a humorist of the first order. On Sept. 6, 1870, married the Rev. Gershom Lease, one of the ablest ministers of the Central O. M. E. Conference. No children. Mr. Lease had been previously married and had three children, Emma, Lura and Edward. He was a General Conference delegate at New York City, May, 1888; died Feb. 8, 1901, aged about seventy-three years.

Sarah, born May 4, 1842, living at S. W. corner Poplar and Charles streets, Bucyrus, O., graduate of Mt. Union College, taught in the college. At 16 years of age began teaching, taught seven terms in the country, about seven years in Bucyrus public schools, from primary to principal of the high school. Sept. 4, 1872, married the Rev. Thomas J. Monnett, an able minister of the North Ohio Conference M. E. church, with whose sketch elsewhere given, appears other brief items.

Lydia, born Nov. 6, 1843, died at her home south of Bucyrus, April 30, 1889, educated in Bucyrus public schools and O. S. N. S. Taught school—gentle refined lady. In May, 1872, married Benjamin Beal, farmer, secretary of the Agricultural Society, secretary Crawford County Mutual Insurance Company for many years, Methodist; held many official positions;

died March 4, 1898 at Bucyrus. Living children, Benjamin married Bertha Snyder; Mary J. married Rev. Thomas H. Housel of Central O. M. E. Conference; Edwin G., cashier First National Bank, married Rachel K. Monnett; William D., minister, missionary, member Bengal M. E. Conference, on leave of absence from Belgam, India, married Bessie Ellice Robinson; Bertha E., history teacher Bucyrus high school, married Abraham J. White. Deceased children: Frederick Alexis and an infant. Mr. Beal had been previously married and had three children: Albert, who became a minister of the North Ohio Conference, M. E. church, died April, 1908, married Mary McCully; Wesley, prosperous farmer, married Eva Beall; Emma married Charles E. Ensminger.

David, born June 4, 1846, living at Marion, O., progressive farmer and able business man, on building committee and generous giver M. E. church, Oxford, Ind., Civil War veteran. Feb., 1873, married Margaret Purkey, noble wife, deceased February, 1896. Children, John Nicholas, wealthy farmer, married Eleanor Walters; Oliver Morton, deceased; Mary, domestic science graduate; Bessie married Oscar Hord, prosperous farmer; Elizabeth Lease, graduate O. W. U. and Cincinnati Missionary Training School, under appointment Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, M. E. church, missionary to North India.

Samuel, an infant, died early in 1845.

Margaret, born Aug. 24, 1848, is living at Bucyrus, O., educated in local public schools and O. S. N. S., taught; for many years cared for her aged mother. February, 1873, married Samuel Kurtz, now deceased. Living children: George, S. Aaron, Simeon G., Bertha R., Harrison and Edwin. Deceased, Catharine and Paul. More complete data of this family are given in the sketch of Samuel Kurtz, given elsewhere in this history.

Rexroth relatives meet in Annual Reunion on the last Wednesday in August, thus far at Seccaium Park, as being most central. Object, mutual encouragement and helpfulness. About one hundred have attended to enjoy a short literary and business program, a bountiful dinner and general exchange of greetings. Last year a motion prevailed to undertake some work in a united capacity and an annual do-

nation to the missionary work of the Rev. William D. Beal was agreed upon.

HARRY E. LOTT,* a successful general farmer in Dallas township, Crawford county, O., who operates his wife's farm of 215 acres, known as the old Monnett homestead, was born in Clark county, O., Sept. 25, 1872, and is a son of William Henry Harrison and Mary (Yarnell) Lott.

The parents of Mr. Lott were born in Clark county and the father follows farming there. He was married first to Mary Yarnell, who died after the birth of the following children: Stella, who is the wife of Ernest Keyes; Jennette, who is the wife of William A. White; Louie, who is the wife of R. A. Garlough; and Harry E., Walter and Charles. To his marriage with Elizabeth Crampton four sons were born: Fred, Frank, Crampton and Harvey.

Harry E. Lott attended the public schools in Dallas township and the high school at Selma, where he was graduated in 1888, after which he perfected himself in the art of telegraphy and was a telegraph operator for railroads for 20 years. Since settling on the present valuable farm, in March, 1911, he has devoted himself entirely to farming, and stock raising and his agricultural undertakings have proven judiciously planned and well carried out.

In February, 1899, Mr. Lott was married to Miss Emma Lois Monnett, a daughter of Oliver and Mary (Raymon) Monnett, this family being one of the old and best established ones in the county. Mr. and Mrs. Lott have three daughters: Mary Eloise, Bonnie Lois and Bess Virginia. The family attends the Presbyterian church. He is identified with Lodge No. 402, Knights of Pythias, and Lodge No. 32, Elks, both at Marion. Politically he is a Republican.

JOHN SCHIMPF, one of the well known farmers and respected citizens of Sandusky township, Crawford county, O., residing on one farm of 120 acres and owning a second one, of 82 acres, lying also in the same township, was born at Bucyrus, O., in 1857, and is a son of Frederick A. and Lizzie (Molenkoff) Schimpf.

Frederick Schimpf was born in Germany, where he grew to the age of 18 years and learned the shoemaking trade. He then came to the United States and located at Bucyrus, O., where he worked at his trade until he moved on his farm first in Lykens township and then in Chatfield township, after which he engaged in farming until his death, at the age of 56 years. He married Lizzie Molenkoff and they had 11 children.

John Schimpf attended the district schools in boyhood and gave his father assistance on the home farm, which was good land but required much improving. In 1888 he came to his present home farm, making all the improvements on the place, and here has been successfully engaged in agricultural pursuits ever since.

Mr. Schimpf married Miss Eliza Layer and they have one son, Clarence, who resides at home and takes many of the responsibilities in the operating of the two farms. In politics Mr. Schimpf is a Democrat. He served on the school board seven years.

H. J. ROOP, a successful farmer and highly respected citizen of Sandusky township, Crawford county, O., residing nine miles northeast of the city of Bucyrus, where he and wife own 389 acres of fine land which has been highly improved, belongs to one of the solid old families of this section and is a son of John and Sarah Roop.

John Roop was born in Pennsylvania and came to Ohio in early manhood, where he lived until his death, for many years having been a farmer and stock raiser in Crawford county. He married after coming to this state and a family of 13 children was born to him and wife, all but two of whom, Rebecca and Joseph, still survive. Those living are: Alice, Marinda, Fancina, May, Laura, Frank, Ellsworth, Wellington, Peter, Charles and H. J. The parents of these children are both deceased and are buried in Roop cemetery, Liberty township. John Roop died June 18, 1912.

H. J. Roop obtained his education in the public schools and his main occupation has been farming. He is a progressive and intelligent agriculturist and his operations are on an extensive scale. He has devoted much care and attention to the improvement of his large prop-

erty and his residence is of modern construction and very attractive from every point of view.

Mr. Roop married Miss Angeline Songer, who is a daughter of Jacob and Lydia (Schreck) Songer, and they have two children: Lester C. and Orlo E. Mrs. Roop has one brother, William H., who married Marie E. Reiff and they have two children: Lloyd W. and Delwyn E. Mr. Roop and family belong to the Lutheran church.

JOSHUA McNEAL,* one of Bucyrus' most respected citizens, has been a resident of Crawford county since he was 12 years of age and has witnessed and taken part in much of its material development during the past 65 years. He was born in Huntington county, Pa., April 3, 1825, and is a son of Alexander McNeal.

The McNeal family undoubtedly is of Irish extraction but Alexander McNeal was born in America, in Huntington county, in 1790, and lived there many years afterward. He married Jane Goshorn and in 1837 they came with their children to Crawford county, pioneers in every sense of the word, and found land that suited them in Bucyrus township, on which they lived out long and useful lives. Alexander McNeal died when aged 75 years and was survived by his wife for several years although she was some years his senior. They were among the founders of the Presbyterian church in Bucyrus township. Of their twelve children, five were sons and seven were daughters and all grew to maturity except one, and three yet survive: Joshua; Alexander, who resides north of Bucyrus with his children, his wife being deceased; and Eliza, who is the wife of William Young, of Ada, O.

Joshua McNeal was a sturdy boy of 12 years when he came with his people to Crawford county and remained on the home farm until he was 25 years of age. Farming was his main business during all his active life and he has spent it in Bucyrus and Dallas townships, where he has owned property, residing in the latter from 1865 until 1910, when he was prevailed upon to come to Bucyrus and become a member of the household of his son, Dennis A. McNeal. Although his 87 years preclude any active participation in business, Mr. Mc-

Neal in mind or person gives no indication of such a passage of time, being in excellent health and interested in all that transpires not only in the domestic and social circles but in the larger life that takes in public enterprises and outside affairs.

Mr. McNeal was married in Bucyrus township to Miss Loett Palmer, who was born in 1829, in Lorain county, O., and was ten years old when she accompanied her parents, Dennis and Olive (Terrell) Palmer, to Crawford county. Dennis Palmer was born in England and his wife in Massachusetts, where they were married. They finally came to Bucyrus township and died there when aged about 70 years.

To Mr. and Mrs. McNeal the following children were born: Esther, who is the wife of Lawrence Murphy, and has children, Alfred, Joshua and Daisy, the last named being married; George and Anna, the latter being married; J. Curtis, who lives at Detroit, Mich., who married Martha Wise and has three children—Marvin J., Charles and Eula; Dennis A.; and Francis, who is a business man at Bucyrus.

Dennis A. McNeal was born on the old homestead in Bucyrus township, July 15, 1859, and attended the public schools through boyhood. For a number of years he engaged in farming and lumbering and is a man of substantial fortune, owning a valuable farm and also city realty. He was married in Crawford county to Miss Hulda Beamer, who was born in Perry county, O., and was ten years old when her parents came to Crawford county. She is a daughter of Henry and Rebecca (Grove) Beamer, the former of whom was born in Perry county, April 8, 1837, and still survives. The mother of Mrs. McNeal was born in 1846 and died Dec. 22, 1887. She was a member of the old-school Baptist church. Mrs. McNeal is one of the following family: Calvin, who is a resident of Nevada, O.; Corda, who is the wife of John Starner, also of Nevada, O.; Noble B., who is a farmer in Wyandot county; Myrtle, who is the wife of William Van Horn, of Crawford county; Elva L., who is the wife of Charles Harvey, of Bucyrus township; George, who lives in California; a babe that died; and Mrs. McNeal, who is the eldest born of this family.

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis A. McNeal have two

children: Frances C., born October 6, 1885, graduating in the class of 1909 from the university at Ada, O., who is principal of the East Side public school at Bucyrus, and is married and has one son, Webster M.; and Orpha A., born June 9, 1891, who has been given excellent educational advantages and holds a teacher's certificate. Mr. and Mrs. McNeal are members of the English Lutheran church.

SAMUEL KURTZ, whose well improved and finely cultivated farm of 112 acres, lies two miles northeast of Sulphur Springs, O., in Liberty township, Crawford county, belongs to one of the highly respected old German families of this section, his grandparents having come to America with their families when his parents were children. He was born March 22, 1850, in Chatfield township, Crawford county, where his parents had settled on a farm of 40 acres.

Samuel Kurtz had district school advantages in boyhood and grew up as a farmer, and has continued to follow agricultural pursuits ever since. In 1883 he settled on his present fine farm which he has improved with excellent buildings and here carries on his agricultural operations with complete success.

Mr. Kurtz married Miss Kate Kessler, who was born in Schuylkill county, Pa., and three children have been born to them, James Garfield being the only survivor, the two other dying in infancy. This son has remained with his father and gives him assistance, being a competent agriculturist, trained to the business under his father's supervision. He married Miss Elizabeth Hoss and they have had three children: Ruth, John Wesley and one that died in infancy. Mr. Kurtz and son are Republicans but neither are seekers for political prominence. The family belongs to the Reformed church.

G. FRANKLIN LASH, who resides on his valuable farm of 120 acres, which is situated in Sandusky township, Crawford county, O., two and one-half miles northeast of Sulphur Springs, was born in 1868, on his father's farm northwest of Tiro, O., and is a son of George and Eliza (Hutson) Lash.

The parents of Mr. Lash was born in Wayne county, O., and the father was five years old

when his people came to Crawford county. He was a farmer and resided northwest of Tiro, where his death occurred at the age of 67 years. His widow, Eliza (Hutson) Lash, now in her 79th year, lives at Tiro. George F. Lash had three brothers, one survivor, Benjamin, residing at Tiro, while William and Elmer are deceased.

G. Franklin Lash obtained his education in the district schools and then assisted his father until he was 25 years of age. Since 1894 he has lived in Sandusky township continuously with the exception of seven months when he resided at Sulphur Springs. He carries on general farming and stock raising, having made many excellent improvements. His surroundings indicate good management and thrift.

Mr. Lash married Miss Leila A. Stock, daughter of George W. and Mary (Loudon) Stock, both of this county. Mr. and Mrs. Lash have two children: G. Nellis and O. Ellsworth. Politically a Democrat, Mr. Lash is a hearty party worker. He enjoys the confidence of his fellow citizens, irrespective of party, and has served seven and one-half years as township trustee.

JAY F. SHAWK, a prosperous farmer and well known citizen of Holmes township, Crawford county, O., carrying on agricultural operations on 160 acres of finely improved land situated seven miles north of Bucyrus, O., was born on the old family homestead in this township, April 25, 1870, and is a son of Jennings T. Shawk, a grandson of Thomas Shawk and a great-grandson of Jacob Shawk, who was a Revolutionary soldier. The family is one of age and prominence in Holmes township and the father of Mr. Shawk is the oldest native born man here.

Jay F. Shawk was educated in the schools of Crawford county and received his agricultural training on the home farm and in 1894 took charge of his present one. General farming and moderate stock raising are the industries engaged in and his methods are those of the progressive agriculturists of the day.

On Feb. 21, 1883, Mr. Shawk was united in marriage with Miss Lizzie Fralick, who was born in Richland county, O., but came with her parents to Holmes township when

young. Four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Shawk, namely: Ruth, who married Ralph Lahman, of Lykens township, and has one daughter, Hilda; Willis, who is deceased; Naomi; and Laverne, who is deceased. In politics Mr. Shawk is a Democrat like his father, and has served one term as township trustee and also as road superintendent. He takes much interest in the Patrons of Husbandry and is a member of the Bucyrus Grange. He and wife attend the Protestant Methodist church at Broken Sword.

BLOOMER B. GILL, a representative and enterprising business citizen of Galion, O., belongs to one of the early families of this part of Crawford county, one that has had a great deal to do in developing this section along every line. Mr. Gill was born here, in 1859, and is a son of James Woodgill and Louise (Baker) Gill, and a grandson of David Gill.

David Gill, the grandfather, was the founder of this family in Ohio, coming from an eastern state, and was the first teacher in this section of Crawford county. He married a Miss Wood, whose people were of English extraction. Of their family of children there is but one survivor, Mrs. Catherine Monnett, of Crawford county.

James Woodgill Gill, father of Bloomer B. Gill, was the only son of the family. His birth took place in 1824, on what is now the site of Galion, and he died here April 24, 1866, at the age of 42 years. He secured 160 acres of land and lived to see a part of this beautiful city built on this property, its rapid development resulting largely from his efforts in securing the construction of the railroad. He was married here to Louise M. Baker, who was born in Pennsylvania and was brought to Ohio by her parents, who settled near Galion but in Richland county. She survived her husband and not only carried forward the plans that were interrupted by his death, but pursued a business policy of her own and laid out what is known as the Gill Addition to Galion. For the past 27 years she has been an esteemed resident of Dixon, Ill., where she is interested in social matters and church relationships, still possessing an active mind as well as perfect physical health although she is now in her 83rd

year. Her second marriage, after which she removed to Dixon, was to the late Theron Cumins, for many years a prominent and respected citizen of that city. Mrs. Cumins was reared in the Society of Friends but in later years united with the Methodist Episcopal church. Of her four children, two survive: Bloomer B. and Mrs. Carrie G. Todd, of Dixon, Ill. One son, Jay, died at the age of 18 months, and another, James Woodgill, Jr., at the age of 17 years.

After completing his High School course, at Galion, Bloomer B. Gill engaged first in the hardware business and later became a manufacturer and as such is prominent in local circles. He is secretary and treasurer of the Howard Motor Car Company which has recently been merged and the new corporation is known as the Cleveland- Galion Motor Truck Company, which is capitalized at \$500,000. Mr. Gill, like both parents, has great faith in the future of Galion and not only invests in local enterprises himself, but is ever ready to foster the interests of others and has been the means of bringing much outside capital here. He owns one of the finest residences in Crawford county, which he erected in 1884, patterning it after the old southern colonial mansions, with wide verandas inviting to repose and broad pillars producing a fine architectural effect.

Mr. Gill was married at Galion to Miss Nellie Stewart, who was born, reared and educated here, a daughter of A. M. and Hannah (McClelland) Stewart, the former of whom came to Galion from Boston, Mass., and for many years was livestock agent for the Erie and the Big Four Railroads at this point. His death occurred in this city when he was 58 years old, his widow surviving. She is an active member of the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. and Mrs. Gill have four children, namely: Mary L., who is a graduate of Galion High School and the Phelps School of Columbus, O.; Isabel Stewart, who was graduated at the Hathaway-Brown School, Cleveland, in the class of 1910; Mina Miller, who, for several years has been an art student at Chicago, Ill., giving especial attention to portraiture, for which she has decided talent; and James Cumins, who is studying mechanics and resides at home. Mrs. Gill



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belongs to that cultured body of ladies at Gahon which forms the membership of the Fortnightly Club. Mrs. Gill is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. Politically Mr. Gill is a Republican.

JEREMIAH HOPPLE,* one of the substantial retired farmers of Crawford county, O., resides in his comfortable residence at No. 321 Spring street, Bucyrus, but still owns his valuable farm of 242 acres, which is situated near Sulphur Springs. He was born in Northampton county, Pa., Dec. 5, 1848, and is a son of Reuben and Christianna (Deal) Hopple.

Mr. Hopple comes of German and French ancestors, many of whom came to America and several served in the Revolutionary War. Reuben Hopple was one of a family of six sons and three daughters. He grew to manhood in Northampton county, Pa., and there married Christianna Deal. They continued to live in their native section until 1856, when they came to Ohio and settled in Crawford county. Reuben Hopple first bought land in Liberty township and sold the same in 1861, but purchased another tract in the same township and on that farm his wife died, and a few years later he moved to a farm near Bucyrus, where he passed the rest of his life, dying in 1898, at the age of 80 years. He was a member of the German Reformed church, and was a Democrat in politics.

The children born to Reuben Hopple and wife were: Anna, deceased, who was the wife of John Davison; Ephra, who married Joseph Kneisley, both now deceased; Jeremiah, the subject of this sketch; Emma, who is the wife of Amos B. Charlton, of Liberty township. Mr. and Mrs. Charlton have seven children: Virgil, Parry B., Michael, Anna, Maybell, Orlo and Donald H.

Jeremiah Hopple remained at home until he reached manhood and afterward engaged in agricultural pursuits for himself. His finely improved farm is known as the old Michael Charlton farm. In April, 1904, he came to Bucyrus to reside and is one of the well known and well informed citizens of this place. In national movements he is identified with the Democratic party politically while in local matters he exercises his own judgment.

In 1873 Mr. Hopple was married in Liberty

township, to Miss Mattie Sheiber, a daughter of Christopher and Lydia (Hershberger) Sheiber, the former of whom was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, and the latter in Pennsylvania. Mr. and Mrs. Sheiber were married in the above state and then came to Crawford county and they died on the same farm they settled on in their early married life. Mrs. Hopple has two brothers: Jacob, a farmer in Liberty township, who married Elizabeth Knabberger and has the following children—Ella, Anna, Amelia and Pearle; and John, who resides on the old homestead. He married Caroline Klink and they have children—Henry, Charles, Anna, Albert, Cora, Verne, Walter, Irving and Mary. Mary was accidentally killed at the age of 14 years, while on a railroad crossing.

Mr. and Mrs. Hopple have four children: Myrtle, who married Ralph McCalacan, of Decatur, Ill., and has two children—Helen and Myra; Otis Milton, who is a resident of Los Angeles, Cal.; Elden J., who is a member of the business firm of McCullough & Hopple; and Helen, who is a student in the Domestic Science School, north of Decatur.

CHARLES M. WERT, general farmer, who owns 80 acres of valuable land which is situated ten and one-half miles northeast of Bucyrus, O., in a productive section of Sandusky township, Crawford county, was born at Sulphur Springs, in Liberty township, and is a son of J. H. and Elizabeth Wert. His father and grandfather were born in Pennsylvania, but his mother was born in Ohio. He has one brother, Herbert B. Wert, who married Minnie Markle and they have four children: Logan, Harold, Paul and Warren. The father, J. H. Wert, is deceased, but the mother survives.

Charles M. Wert has devoted himself to agricultural pursuits since he has been of suitable age. After his district school days were over he assisted his father and in the course of years became the owner of his present well stocked and well improved farm. He takes much interest in it as his many substantial improvements show, and is numbered with the prosperous agriculturists of this section of the county. In politics he is a Democrat.

Mr. Wert married Miss Edith Darr, a

daughter of Aaron and Mary Darr, and they have four children: Eldon, who lives at Marble Head, O., and who married Miss Frances McKean and has one daughter, Marian Luise; and J. Darr, Karl F., and Sarah N. Mrs. Wert has three brothers, George, William, deceased, and Frank, and two sisters, Harriet and Lucretia. Mr. Wert and family belong to the Lutheran church.

JOHN GORDON, a well known and highly respected resident of Tod township, Crawford county, O., and one of the most successful agriculturists, resides on his finely improved farm of 165 acres, which is situated two and one-half miles southwest of Oceola, O. He was born in County Glamorgan, South Wales, March 3, 1849, and is a son of Thomas and Catherine (Morris) Gordon.

The parents of Mr. Gordon were farmers in South Wales and in comfortable circumstances. The father died in 1869, when aged 61 years, but the mother survived to the age of 73 years. They had the following children born to them: Mary, who is the wife of George Bevan and lives in Wales; Thomas, who manages the old homestead farm in Wales; Eliza, who lives in Wales, being the widow of Lewis Bowen, who was a surveyor and civil engineer; John, subject of this article; Richard, who is deceased; Ann, who was the wife of George Fleming, both of whom are deceased; and George, who still lives in Wales.

John Gordon obtained his education in the schools of his native land. When 21 years of age he decided to come to the United States and after reaching an American port he made his way to Trumbull county, O., where he found employment on a dairy farm and continued for four years, when he married, and then moved to a place near Bucyrus and two years later came to his present farm in Tod township. He found a large amount of improving necessary and immediately began its renovation and has made of this one of the finest farms of this part of Crawford county. Mr. Gordon's methods have resulted in much prosperity. He has always been a hard-working man and still looks carefully after his farm interests.

Mr. Gordon married Miss Callie F. Flock

and they have had six children: Luella, who is the wife of Edward McLaughlin, who operates an elevator at Nevada, O., and has two children—Velma and Gordon; Henry, who assists his father; Alice, who helps her mother; and Florence, Elva and Letty, all three of whom are now deceased. Mr. Gordon is a Democrat in his political views and for a term of six years was township road commissioner and still keeps up his interest in the good roads subject, his long experience in the above office having made him an authority on the subject. Mrs. Gordon is a member of the Lutheran church.

JOSEPH KNISELY,* who is a member of one of the old and substantial families of Crawford county, O., now lives retired at Bucyrus, which city has been his preferred home since 1887. He was born Feb. 11, 1830, at Knisely Spring, in Sandusky township, Crawford county, O., and is a son of Samuel and Sarah Knisely.

Samuel Knisely was born in 1782, in York county, Pa., and was a young man when he accompanied his German father to Ohio. The name of the latter has not been preserved but he was one of the enterprising pioneers of Tuscarawas county, where he entered 1,600 acres of land and probably was the founder of New Philadelphia. He died there in extreme old age. It is said of him that with the old flint-lock musket, which his grandson carefully preserves, he made it a practice to kill just 100 deer each season, laying aside the fowling piece then until the next year. Samuel Knisely enlisted for service in the War of 1812 and assisted in the construction of the block-house at Mansfield, built to preserve the settlers from the Indians and took part in the battles there with the savages and helped to inter the unfortunate families who were slain. He was first lieutenant of his company and the annals speak of him as a brave and daring soldier. In 1823 he came to Crawford county and settled in the isolated little log hut village of Bucyrus, securing later Government land lying eight miles west of here, the place being still known as Knisely Springs. Like his father he was a great huntsman and made use of the old flint-lock musket. The Indians learned to both fear and esteem him, for he was a just as

well as kind man, and on many occasions he assisted savages and fed them and won their good will. Thus he was able to travel far without fear, both on his hunting trips and also on his missions of mercy, for he was ever ready to assist other settlers in the building of their cabins, the sowing of their grain or to give help in times of sickness and death. He was so well known that people as far distant as Marion county frequently begged his presence. In May, 1867, this admirable man, who had been likened by his admirers to Daniel Boone, passed out of life at the home of his son Joseph Knisely. His wife died in 1859, when aged 73 years. She was a member of the Baptist church. They had 13 children, four of whom survive.

Joseph Knisely grew up on the Crawford county farm and has always resided in this county with the exception of seven years prior to his marriage, which he spent in Illinois and Indiana. He acquired the old homestead of 160 acres and continued farm activities there until 1887, when he traded the farm for a large tract of land in the immediate environs of Bucyrus. Much of this land has been disposed of for building purposes as the city has grown. Mr. Knisely has occasionally worked at the mason trade and a large part of his time has been occupied with the duties of public office, to which he frequently has been elected on the Democratic ticket.

Mr. Knisely was married to Miss Minerva Baughman, who was born Oct. 12, 1839, in Putnam county, O., a daughter of Abram and Jane (Book) Baughman, the former a native of Pennsylvania and the latter of Wayne county, O. After Mr. and Mrs. Baughman married they began housekeeping in a thatched-roof log cabin in Van Buren township, Putnam county, on the 400 acres of land which Mr. Baughman subsequently developed into a fine farm. They were members of the Methodist Episcopal church and among the most worthy and respected people in that section. To Mr. and Mrs. Knisely the following children were born: Fannie, who was born in 1860 and died in 1881; Sabilla, born Feb. 26, 1861, who is the wife of George Dinkle, of Bucyrus; Florence, born Dec. 4, 1863, who is the wife of David Knisely, of Goshen, Ind., and has one son, Clyde; Lewis, born Dec. 1, 1864, who resides with his wife at Bucyrus;

Sadie, who was born Oct. 25, 1868, and is the wife of William Hizer, of Galion, O.; Minnie, who was born Nov. 12, 1870, and is the widow of Joseph Burger and has one daughter, Imogene; and Maude, who was born April 10, 1873, who is the wife of Edward Miller, residing at Columbus, O., and has two children—George and Dorothy. Mr. Knisely and family attend the Methodist Episcopal church.

G. P. WELSHONS, whose finely improved farm of 120 acres is located three miles northeast of Sulphur Springs, O., was born in 1859, at Crestline, O., and is a son of Stephen and Lucinda (Rininger) Welshons.

Stephen Welshons was born in Pennsylvania, of German ancestry. He came to Crawford county, O., in 1858, and selected Crestline as his home. He had learned the cabinet-making trade in Pennsylvania. He spent five years in California in the gold mines. He was then employed by the railroad company in Crestline and later worked in the Big Four yards, during the remainder of his active life, but was living on a farm east of Crestline, his death occurring at the age of 76 years. He married Lucinda Rininger and they had four children, the two survivors being G. P. and Elwood, the latter being a railroad engineer.

In the schools of Crestline, O., G. P. Welshons obtained a common school education and then went into railroad work, serving for two and one-half years as a fireman and later as an engineer. He tried farming for a short time but returned to the railroad, but later resumed farming and has made a success of his undertaking. All the substantial improvements on his place show a sensible interest and much forethought and his modern residence is both comfortable and attractive. He raises grain, hay, potatoes, fruit, poultry and stock and is one of the prosperous agriculturists of this section.

Mr. Welshons married Miss Mary Peppard, and they have two children: Samuel and Ernest. He is a good citizen but no seeker for public office, and casts his vote with the Republican party.

ELIAS CRISSINGER, who is a leading citizen of Dallas township, Crawford county, O., active in its public affairs and successful

in his agricultural activities, owns 120 acres of very productive land and carries on general farming. He was born Aug. 11, 1853, in Illinois, and is a son of William and Mary (Baker) Crissinger, and a grandson of Benaiah Baker.

The father of Mr. Crissinger was born in Crawford county and was a farmer and laborer prior to entering the Federal Army for service in the Civil War and died while a soldier. He married Mary Baker, who was also born in Crawford county, and died when their son Elias was but two years old. Their other children were: James A.; Mary, deceased, who was the wife of Henry Zoll; Emma, who is the wife of Elias Stiger; Isabel, who is deceased; and Dora L., who is the wife of John Lyons. The parents of the above family were members of the German Reformed church.

Since his school days, Mr. Crissinger has been interested continuously in farm pursuits and in late years has received assistance from his son but still retains the general management of his estate. He is largely a self-made man, becoming an orphan when ten years old and afterward living with relatives and strangers until he made a home for himself.

On Oct. 20, 1874, Mr. Crissinger was married to Miss Harriet L. Houser, who was born in Scott township, Marion county, O., a daughter of Anthony and Eliza (Wise) Houser. The father of Mrs. Crissinger was a farmer in Marion county, O., and also followed the carpenter trade. Mrs. Crissinger was the youngest but one of his children, the others being: John, Eliza, who married (first) Michael Mathias, and (second) Christian Pommer; Catherine, who married Robert Highley; Sarah, who married Elliott Denman; and Malinda, who married Jacob Spiece. To Mr. and Mrs. Crissinger the following children were born: Manford Roy, who married Agnes Keckler, and has two children, Julia and Frank; Daisy Viola, who married Wallace Lindsay, and has two children, Plites, and Reo May; William A.; Ray, who married Hattie Mollenkoff, and has five children—Helen, Homer, Raymond, Velma and Wilma; Grover O., who married Mary Oberlander, and has two children, Harold and Eveline; Blanche E., who is the wife of David Pierce; Mervin E.; and

Florence. Mr. Crissinger and family are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, in which he served some years as steward and for six years was a class leader. As a citizen Mr. Crissinger has been interested in all that has promised to build up and make more stable good laws and good influences in his community. Politically his opinions have made him a Democrat and for many years both in Marion and in Crawford counties he has served honestly and efficiently in township offices, being assessor for five years in the former and for three years in the latter, and for six years served Dallas township on its board of trustees.

JOHN WILLIAM EXLEY, one of the highly respected residents of Bucyrus, O., who is a well-known blacksmith, was born here, May 19, 1858, and is a son of John Jacob and Frederica (Krebs) Exley.

John Jacob Exley was born in 1825, in Baden, Germany, and in childhood his father died and shortly afterward his mother. In 1838, being then only 13 years of age, he started for America in company with two friends, the late Jacob Schoub being one of these and Daniel Bauslinger, the other. These youths embarked on an old sailing vessel that required 42 days to transport them to New York. They managed to make their way from that city to Crawford county, O., and all came to Bucyrus. They were too young to have yet learned a trade but all three became respected men and useful citizens. John Jacob Exley died after a very short illness, on Sept. 12, 1868. He was a Democrat in politics and was a member of the Lutheran church. He was married at Bucyrus to Frederica Krebs, who was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, in 1836, and died Dec. 4, 1904. She accompanied her parents to America in 1854, landing at New York, and came to Crawford county by way of Buffalo. Her parents, Gottlieb and Rica Krebs, subsequently moved to Wyandot county where the mother died aged 68 years, after which the father returned to Bucyrus and lived to be 87 years of age.

To John Jacob Exley and wife the following children were born: John William; Charles, who is a blacksmith, living in this city; Callie, who died Aug. 28, 1897, who was the wife

of Joseph Nutter and the mother of two children—Willie and Georgia, both now of Detroit, Mich.; Emma, who is the widow of Albert Miller, and lives at Bucyrus, having one son, Carl; and Katie, who resides with her sister, Mrs. Miller.

John William Exley attended school in boyhood and afterward learned the blacksmith business with the late John Horvald, and followed this trade in connection with other work, being a natural mechanic. Through industry, thrift and prudence he has accumulated a competency and owns several valuable pieces of city property. With the exception of four years he has spent his life here and is well known to the majority of the citizens. On many occasions he has filled public office with efficiency, for eight years has been a member of the city council, of which he was president two years and vice president four years, and has been a member of all the committees. He is a Democrat.

Mr. Exley was married at Bucyrus to Miss Augusta Petersilge, who was born here Nov. 22, 1861, a daughter of Ferdinand and Frederica (Winegartner) Petersilge, natives respectively of Saxony and Wurtemberg, Germany. The father of Mrs. Exley came to the United States in 1852. He was born Jan. 21, 1836, and died Sept. 7, 1902. His widow survives and was 73 years old, May 22, 1912; she has been a resident of the United States since 1854. Two of her children survive: Mrs. Exley and Fred. The latter was born in 1865 and is a resident of Bucyrus and formerly was engaged in the restaurant business. He married Anna Trautman and they have two children: Augusta P. and Ralph F. Mr. and Mrs. Exley are members of the German Lutheran church. He is a member of a German organization and for 28 years has been a Knight of Pythias, this long connection entitling him to the order's gold medal.

J. H. KIESS,* who has lived on his present farm of 160 acres, situated in Whetstone township, Crawford county, O., for 42 years, has owned this land for 36 of these, purchasing from Jonathan Heinlein, it then being called the old Burkhardt farm. Mr. Kiess was born in Lycoming county, Pa., a son of Jacob and Catherine (Roth) Kiess.

Christopher Kiess, the grandfather, was born in Germany and came from there in 1806 and settled in Lycoming county, Pa., where he was one of the early school teachers. In 1850 the family decided to come to Crawford county, O., and it required two weeks for the loaded farm wagons to make the long overland journey. They settled in Whetstone township and among the good citizens of this section the name is not an unusual one. The mother of J. H. Kiess died after coming to Crawford county, leaving two children: J. H. and Lydia, the latter of whom is now deceased and is survived by her husband, Lewis Cripes. Jacob Kiess married Catherine Delker for his second wife and they had the following children: Simeon, Joseph, Daniel, Samuel, W. C., Christiana and Mary Margaret.

J. H. Kiess had but meager school advantages in the English language but in Pennsylvania attended a German school. His help was needed by his father when he was yet young and he has devoted his whole business life to agricultural pursuits. He has enriched his land and carefully cultivated it and it gives bountiful returns, and his buildings are those that are found on the farms of substantial and self-respecting people, built and kept up not only for shelter but for comfortable living. Mr. Kiess makes no attempt to raise any great amount of stock but always has enough for his own use.

In 1864, Mr. Kiess was married (first) to Miss Elizabeth Cook, a daughter of Jacob and Mary (Kiess) Cook, and to this marriage the following children were born: Mary B., Franklin J., Ella Lucinda and Matilda, all of whom are deceased; Rebecca, who is the wife of J. P. Crawl; and Ida E., who is the wife of Samuel Keiser. Mr. Kiess was married second to Miss Rachel Cook, a daughter of George and Rebecca (Young) Cook, and they have had five children: Renben, who is deceased; Wesley, who is a mail carrier; and Olen, Charles E. and Bertha May. Mr. Kiess has frequently served in public office but it has not been any political reward as he votes independently. He has been very useful and progressive in relation to educational matters and has been equally concerned in giving the people good roads, for some years serving as road supervisor. With his family he attends the Evangelical church.

EMANUEL NEFF, residing nine miles northeast of Bucyrus, O., and two miles east of Sulphur Springs, is the justly contented owner of a well improved farm of 215 acres, well located, well drained and exceedingly productive. He is a son of Joseph and Sophia (Yeiter) Neff, the oldest of nine children, namely: Aaron, Amos, John J., Joseph C., Elizabeth, Mary, Emma, Tillie and Emanuel, all surviving except Tillie. Aaron married Cora Orweiler and they live in Liberty township. Amos married Anna Schieber and they live at Bucyrus, O. Jacob married Ella Schieber and they live in Liberty township. Joseph married Myrtle Schieber and they live in Holmes township. Elizabeth married Joseph Durr and their home is in Liberty township. Mary married Abraham Scheiber and they reside at Bucyrus, while Emma is the wife of Albert Scheiber and they live in Holmes township.

Emanuel Neff attended school at Holmes township. He has devoted himself to agricultural pursuits and has been very successful, being progressive and enterprising in his undertakings. He has greatly improved his property since it came into his possession, has two very fine barns and other substantial buildings and carries on his operations along modern lines with due regard to family comfort. He has been a member of the township board of education for some years and is much interested in the public schools.

Mr. Neff married Miss Sarah Krauter, one of a family of ten children born to Jacob and Anna Krauter, the others being: Jacob, who married Elizabeth Baker, and lives at Cleveland, O.; Otilia, who is the widow of Elias Durr; Martha, who married William Baker, of Galion; Esther, who married Hershel Eshelman, of Seville, Medina county, O.; Elmer, who lives at home; and John, Christianna, Sophia and Netta, all deceased. Five children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Neff; Lester E., Ralph A., Herbert J., Elsie M. and Karl E. Mr. Neff is identified with the Republican party but is no seeker for office, just a sensible, law-abiding, interested citizen.

CHARLES B. SCHUMACHER, who is now numbered with the substantial citizens of Galion, for many years was interested here

successfully in the real estate and insurance business and is well known all over Crawford county. He was born in Northumberland county, Pa., and comes of German people.

Johannes Schumacher, the grandfather, was born in Pennsylvania, of German parents, so that a number of generations back must be followed to the little German village where great grand-father Schumacher was born. He came to the United States when young and became a farmer, he and wife passing their later days in Schuylkill county, Pa., where they died in advanced age.

John Schumacher, father of Charles B., was born in Schuylkill county, Pa., and died Sept. 17, 1856, when aged 66 years. His first marriage was to a Miss Hicks who died in Pennsylvania in middle life leaving eight children, all of whom are now deceased. His second marriage was to Catherine Baker, who died Sept. 20, 1873, aged 73 years, 10 months and 6 days. To the second union the following children were born: Catherine, Elvina, Jane, Julia, William, Robert, Charles B., Thomas and Sarah.

Charles B. Schumacher was born Dec. 15, 1835 and was reared and obtained his education in his native county. Before coming to Ohio in 1864, he had been variously employed, and after reaching the state located for a time in Fairfield county and then came on to Galion. Here he began work as a blacksmith in the Erie Railway shops, where he continued until 1874, becoming a master blacksmith. After leaving shop work he was made constable and served for four years in that office, when he was elected a justice of the peace and continued in that responsible office for 15 consecutive years and after being out of office for one year, was re-elected justice of the peace and as such continued until 1885, terminating this connection after serving for 24 years. In 1886 he was elected mayor of Galion and after the close of an admirable administration, he was elected a member of the city council for two succeeding years. Mr. Schumacher has thus been a very highly honored citizen and has always realized his responsibilities and has fearlessly and honestly pursued his course in public life.

On Dec. 31, 1857, Mr. Schumacher was married in Pennsylvania to Miss Rachel A.



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Smith, who was born Aug. 14, 1839, in Williams county, O., but was reared in Pennsylvania and died at Galion, March 7, 1908, a woman of many virtues and excellencies. She was the loving and careful mother of a large family. Helen, Oliver, Harry and Walter, all died young. Alice L., who died Jan. 28, 1901, was the wife of Theodore Stewart, and the mother of two children, Charles and Helen, the latter of whom died at the age of 16 years, and the former, who lives with his grandfather, a graduate of the class of 1912, in the Galion High School and now employed by United Fruit Company, of New York; Thomas M., who is general traffic manager of the American Smelting Company, and resides in New York; Clara T., who is the wife of George Stoltz and lives at Dawson, Neb.; S. Emma, who cares for her father and is his capable housekeeper; and Wilbert A., who is general traffic manager of the United Fruit Company—Steamship and Railway Service, of New York. The last named is a very successful business man. After graduating in the class of 1894, from the Galion High School, he was with the Illinois Steel Company for two years and with the Armour people for 14 years, becoming assistant traffic manager for them and later traffic manager for his present Company. He has two children, Ruth and Herbert.

Politically Mr. Schumacher is a Democrat. For many years he has been very active in Odd Fellowship, uniting with the order in September, 1869, and has filled all the chairs in the local lodge. For 15 years he was treasurer of Galion Lodge No. 215, and is the second oldest past grand initiated in this lodge. He is a member and an elder of the Christian church, his family being of the same religious faith.

JENNINGS T. SHAWK, who enjoys the distinction of being the oldest native born man of Holmes township, Crawford county, O., now lives retired on his farm five miles north of Bucyrus. He was born Sept. 11, 1835, in an old log house that then occupied the present site of the Opera House, at Bucyrus, and is a son of Thomas Shawk and a grandson of Jacob Shawk, who was a Revolutionary soldier.

Thomas Shawk was born in Columbiana

county, O., March 4, 1806, came to Crawford county in 1829, and died Dec. 29, 1885. After his marriage he moved to Bucyrus by wagon, the state of the roads at that time making the journey of three day's duration, and at Bucyrus purchased the block on which the Opera House now is located and went to work as a blacksmith for a man named Gilmore, whose shop was in this vicinity. Shortly afterward the old Trimble House was erected. Thomas Shawk spent the larger part of his life at Bucyrus and died there. For three years he lived in Whetstone township and for some years in Holmes township, but Bucyrus was his chosen home and he was identified with its early enterprises and was considered a valuable citizen. He married Esther Albright, whose father was the brother of Jacob Albright who was the founder of the Evangelical church in Pennsylvania. Daniel Albright was a man of much prominence in Crawford county during its early history. This was his second marriage, his first one taking place in Columbiana county, to which six children were born. Jennings T. Shawk, son of Thomas Shawk, is the only survivor of his father's family and he was third in order of birth, his two brothers and three sisters all being deceased. Adeline was the wife of Edward Sheckler. Aurelia was the wife of Alexander Ruhl, Benjamin Franklin and Thomas as well as Mary, the youngest, died early.

Jennings T. Shawk had educational opportunities that served to qualify him for teaching school but he did not teach, working instead at the blacksmith trade until his marriage, when he came to his present farm, on which his wife was born, and later bought the place. For many years afterward he engaged in farming and stock raising, but has been retired for some time and his son carries on the farm industries. He owns 320 acres, all situated in Holmes township, and his improvements are probably the best in the township. He erected two comfortable residences and has built six barns, three of which were destroyed by fire.

Mr. Shawk was married to Miss Sarah Lahman, a daughter of Charles Lahman, who was born in Germany, May 30, 1810, and died in Ohio, Feb. 10, 1892. When he came first to Crawford county he entered 80 acres of land and then returned to Germany, where he was

married to Christina Gearhart and returned with his wife to Ohio and they settled on the present farm of Mr. Shawk and lived there through life. Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Shawk, namely: George E., who lives in Sheridan county, Mo., and who married Elizabeth Pfeifer and has five children—Mary, Pearl, Sarah, George and Jessie; Charles L., who lives in Holmes township who married Laura Wilhelm and has three children—Guy, Arthur and Grace; Jay, who is his father's farmer, who married Lizzie Fralick and has two children—Naomi and Ruth; and Thomas, also a resident of Holmes township, who married Emma Meck and has three children—Russell, Willard and Warren. In politics, Mr. Shawk and sons are Democrats and he has served as township trustee. He is a member of the Evangelical Association.

HOWARD M. GREEN,* who is engaged in the house painting and decorating business at Galion, O., and additionally, is interested with his brother, in a 500-acres stock farm in Washington township, Morrow county, O., belongs to one of the old Crawford county families and is well known all through this section. He was born at Galion, in 1871, and is a son of James Henry and Lenora H. (McClain) Green, and a grandson of Henry and Anna Green. He is the eldest of four sons, the others being: Frank, Dahl and James.

Howard M. Green attended school at Galion and completed his education at Evanston, Ill. In May, 1898, he enlisted for service in the Spanish-American War, entering Battery H, First O. Light Artillery, under Captain Stewart and Colonel Brooks and was discharged as head driver of his section. Later he became a furniture finisher, displaying much skill in this line of work and then learned decorating. For the past 12 years he has been interested in the Spring Grove Stock Farm, in Morrow county, where horses, mules and hogs are raised for market.

Mr. Green was married at Galion, to Miss Grace Blazier, who was born at Chicago, Ill., but was reared and educated at Galion. She is a daughter of Henry and Sarah E. (Slick) Blazier, the former of whom died at Galion in 1887, at the age of 45 years. Mrs. Blazier resides on East Main street, Galion. Mr. and

Mrs. Green have two children: Ruth Leanora, who was born July 4, 1893, and is a member of the class of 1913, at the Galion high school; and Frank M., who was born October 27, 1899. They belong to the Methodist Episcopal church, have many pleasant social connections and Mr. Green is a member of the Spanish-American War Veterans.

CHARLES A. SHROLL, who is engaged in general farming in Dallas township, Crawford county, O., where he owns 80 acres of excellent land, was born in Bucyrus township, Crawford county, March 27, 1859, and is a son of Jacob and Elizabeth (McNichol) Shroll.

Jacob Shroll was of German parentage but he was born in Pennsylvania, where his wife was also born, she being of Irish ancestry. Both died in Crawford county, his burial being in the old Schroll cemetery, while her resting place is in Mt. Zion cemetery, in Bucyrus township. They were members of the Methodist Episcopal church. Eight children were born to them, Charles A. being the youngest: William; Mary, wife of Norman Mount; Sarah, wife of Porter Leighbarger; John; Nancy, wife of Noah Seitz; Louisa, wife of Richard Kellar; and Matilda, wife of R. P. Young.

Charles A. Shroll was left fatherless when seven years of age and on this account had fewer advantages in youth than had many other boys of his acquaintance. His mother was obliged to let the family be broken up and he was placed with strangers with whom he lived and as opportunity offered, attended the district schools. He was naturally industrious and before long was able to earn enough to provide for his own necessities and afterward continued to work on farms, by the month, until he was 27 years of age. In all this time he had never had a real home, living always with strangers, but now he married and founded his own hearthstone and has a happy domestic circle of wife and eight children. For some 20 years after marriage Mr. Shroll rented land from different farmers, after which he purchased his present place and to its cultivation and improvement has devoted himself ever since. He is a self-made man and may be cited as an example of what may be accomplished through industry and persistent effort.

Mr. Shroll was married July 19, 1884, to Miss Ida A. Argrave, who was born in Mercer county, Pa., a daughter of George R. and Mary Argrave, who had three children: Henry; Olive, wife of George Paup; and Ida A., who became the wife of Mr. Shroll. To Mr. and Mrs. Shroll the following children have been born: Reginald, who married Victoria Eckert; Clyde; Frank, who married Effie Fillinger; and Walter, Dice, Beth, Theodore and Ivan K. Mr. Shroll has always been a busy man but never neglects his duties as a citizen and has taken much interest in the public schools, serving as school director and giving his children all the advantages within his power.

W. A. WATERS, who is one of the most substantial citizens and the largest land owner in Liberty township, Crawford county, O., carries on general farming and stock raising on his large estate of 400 acres and resides two miles southeast of Sulphur Springs, O. He was born in Wyandot county, O., March 11, 1862, and is a son of Philip A. and Mary (Daugherty) Waters.

Philip A. Waters was born in Westmoreland county, Pa., and by his parents was brought to Crawford county, at the age of four years. At a later date he moved to Wyandot county and there engaged in farming for a number of years, when he removed to Indiana and died in that state in advanced age. He married Mary Daugherty and one child was born to them, W. A., the wife and mother dying in 1864.

Being left motherless at the age of two and one-half years, W. A. Waters was reared on the present farm in his uncle's home, the later, Reuben Waters, being now deceased. He obtained his education in the district schools and was trained from boyhood to be a farmer. This farm has always been his home from infancy and since he took possession as sole owner, he has made a great many improvements, including the erection of a handsome modern residence.

Mr. Waters was united in marriage with Miss Ella Caris, who was born in Wood county, O., a daughter of Eli Caris, and they have one daughter, Ada. She is the wife of Delbert Butterff, who resides on an adjoining farm, and they have five children: Zelma,

Bernice, Robert, Mendel and Richard. Mr. Waters is a Republican in politics but has given more attention to his agricultural activities than to public matters, although he never neglects the duties of good citizenship.

EMANUEL C. CRISSINGER,* carpenter and builder, a well known citizen of Galion and a reliable business man of this section, was born in Whetstone township, Crawford county, O., May 13, 1850, and is a son of Jacob and Elizabeth (Knoble) Crissinger, and a grandson of George Crissinger, who was the founder of the family in Ohio, moving to Crawford county from Northumberland county, Pa. The father was twice married and Emanuel C. was the sixth born of the first family, there being two surviving brothers: Charles J., a well known business man of Galion; and Daniel, who is a farmer and also a carpenter and lives in Whetstone township.

Emanuel C. Crissinger was reared on the home farm and worked with his father at carpentering and under his supervision became an expert mechanic. In 1884 he moved to Galion and three years later he erected the comfortable residence which he has since occupied, at No. 334 North Market street. From 1903 until 1909 he was engaged in the grocery trade at Galion, but with that exception, he has been giving his attention exclusively, for the past 38 years, to carpenter work including building. In his political affiliation he is a Democrat but he has never been what may be called a politician, just a good, earnest and interested citizen.

Mr. Crissinger was married in 1884 to Miss Snsie E. Fail, who was born near Galion, Sept. 4, 1856, a daughter of John and Julia A. (Snyder) Fail. John Fail was born in Germany and was eight years old when his parents brought him to the United States. He was reared in Crawford county and was married, near Bucyrus, to Julia A. Snyder, who accompanied her parents to this section, from Pennsylvania, when 17 years of age. Mr. Fail was a farmer in Polk township, Crawford county, until 1898, when he and his wife retired to Galion, where his death occurred in 1899, when aged 75 years. Mrs. Fail, now in her 80th year, resides with a daughter at Galion. To

Mr. and Mrs. Crissinger the following children have been born: William A., born Sept. 15, 1887, who resides at Galion and married Ada Shaw; and Charles Addison, who was born May 9, 1890, and lives with his parents. He is a graduate of the Galion High School and is now cashier for the Erie Railway Company at Galion. Mr. and Mrs. Crissinger are active members of the United Brethren church, of which he has been a trustee and for some years was a class leader in the same.

WILLIAM I. MUTCHLER, one of the progressive agriculturists of Tod township, Crawford county, O., residing on his well improved farm of 160 acres, situated one mile northeast of Oceola, O., was born on this farm, in 1866, and is a son of Isaiah and Harriet (Kisor) Mutchler.

In the death of Isaiah Mutchler, which occurred in 1906, in his 83rd year, Crawford county lost one of its most respected pioneers. He bought the farm which now belongs to his son, William I., in 1846, from the Government, paying \$2.25 per acre, and it has been carefully preserved in the family ever since, and has never had even a mortgage entered against it. Isaiah Mutchler was born in Seneca county, O., and took possession of his Crawford county land in 1847. Subsequently he acquired much other property, aggregating some 600 acres of land, and each one of his children were given a farm by this generous and provident father. He was a member of the United Brethren church and had filled almost every church office, taking much more interest in it than in the political life of the community in which his long life was spent. He married Harriet Kisor, who was born near Sycamore, Wyandot county, and died in Crawford county, when aged 73 years and 6 months. The record of their children is as follows: Catherine and Barbara, twins, the former of whom married Adam Fisher, and the latter, Frank Karns; Amanda, who married George Aurand; Frank, deceased, who married Dora Miller; Susanna, deceased, who married John Beamer; George, who married Susan Little; Harriet, who married Samuel Lambert; Melissa, who is deceased; twin infants, both deceased; Matilda, who married Philip Hoker; William I., and Leafy, deceased, who was the wife of William Nicholson.

In the schools of Tod township, William I. Mutchler secured a good, common school education, and ever since has devoted himself to farm industries on the homestead. Since the farm has been his own he has done considerable improving, replacing all the buildings with the exception of one barn. He owns valuable stock and improved machinery and is contemplating the building of a fine silo in the near future.

Mr. Mutchler married Miss Rebecca Patton, who was born in Mifflin county, Pa., and a family of ten children has been born to them, as follows: Flora, who married Orlo Bash and has two children, Cecil and Laura; Fred; Jesse, who married Bessie Cox; and Sylvia, Russell, Mary, Goldie, Ethel, Paul and Dwight L., all of whom survive with the exception of Paul, who died in infancy. Mr. Mutchler is a Democrat in politics and he has served as school director. He is one of the leading members of the United Brethren church and has served as class leader and steward.

GEORGE W. SCHIEFER, who is one of the enterprising and successful farmers of Bucyrus township, Crawford county, O., where he carries on modern agriculture on his farm of 94 acres and operates additionally the 257 acres belonging to his mother-in-law, Mrs. Ellen McKinstry, was born in Crawford county, Dec. 19, 1878, and is a son of Isaac and Margaret Ellen (Berry) Schiefer.

The parents of Mr. Schiefer were born in Crawford county, where they still reside, the father being a farmer. They have the following children: George W., James W., Weldon S., Cordelia, Moody L., Grace J., and Mary. Mr. and Mrs. Schiefer are members of the Evangelical church.

George W. Schiefer completed the common school course and then became a student in the Ohio Northern University at Ada, O., after which he taught school for eight terms during the winter time while he devoted his summers to the farm. Since then he has given all his attention to his agricultural pursuits, doing general farming and being an extensive stock raiser, keeping only good grades and finding a ready market.

Mr. Schiefer was married Oct. 2, 1901, to Miss Mary E. McKinstry, the only child of William Thomas and Ellen (Warner) Mc-

Kinstry. The mother of Mrs. Schiefer survives but her father died in 1901, leaving a large estate. Mr. and Mrs. Schiefer and Mrs. McKinstry attend the Methodist Episcopal church. Politically he is a Republican but has never accepted any public office although well qualified for the same, being an educated, well balanced, reliable man.

HENRY R. KURRLEY,* a representative business man of Galion, O., junior member of the firm of Evans & Kurrley, proprietors of the Boston Street Grocery House and also conducting a store at Delaware, O., was born in the latter city, Jan. 2, 1879, and is a son of William and Fannie (Wittinger) Kurrley.

The parents of Mr. Kurrley were born in Wurtemberg, Germany. They were young when they came to America and were reared near Delaware, O., where they married and now live in comfortable retirement. In 1859 William Kurrley started in the grocery business at Delaware and continued active in the trade until 1895, when he sold to his son, Leopold D., and the business is continued at the old stand. Mr. Kurrley and wife are both in their middle seventies but are hearty and well and there is promise of many years before them. All their seven children survive and four of these have domestic circles of their own.

Henry R. Kurrley was reared and educated at Delaware and learned the grocery business in his father's store. In October, 1898, Mr. Kurrley and Mr. Evans, the latter of whom was born at Delaware in 1873, came to Galion and purchased the Boston street store from J. E. Gelsanliter and have conducted it successfully ever since and subsequently bought the Delaware store, which Mr. Evans mainly manages. Both partners are young men of energy, discretion and enterprise and conduct their large volume of business along honorable lines, such as have won them the confidence and patronage of the public.

At Delaware, O., Mr. Kurrley was married to Miss Amelia L. Osterly, who was born, reared and educated in that city. They have one daughter, Edna A., who was born at Delaware, April 28, 1898, and is now attending school at Galion. Mr. and Mrs. Kurrley are members of the German Lutheran church.

Politically he is a Democrat. The firm of Evans & Kurrley has membership in the Commercial Club in this city.

MISS INEZ MILLER, who has been a teacher in the public schools of Galion, O., since 1889, and has been interested in and identified with the remarkable advancement in educational matters in this section during this time, belongs to Galion, for here she was born, reared and educated and here has found her chosen field of work. She is a daughter of Charles R. Miller and a granddaughter of Charles and Mary (Riblet) Miller.

Charles Miller, the grandfather, was born in Pennsylvania and was young when he accompanied his parents to Richland county, O. Later he married Mary Riblet, a daughter of Daniel Riblet, who had also moved to Richland county, from Pennsylvania. Daniel Riblet was a school teacher and later owned and operated a stage coach line between Galion and Mansfield, with headquarters six miles east of Galion. For some years he was postmaster of Galion and was active in politics, serving in the state legislature. After marriage, Charles Miller and wife lived for a time in Ashland county and then settled in Sandusky township, Richland county, on a farm adjoining that of the Riblets, and remained there until their death, when aged about 75 years. They were members of the Lutheran church. Of their four children who reached maturity, all married and three sons survive: Charles R., William W. and Henry F., the two younger brothers still living on the old homestead.

Charles R. Miller was born in Ashland county, O., and was reared on the home farm. Afterward he served as assistant postmaster at Galion and later became a landscape decorator and artist. He was married at Crestline to Miss Mary Lowe, who was born in Denbighshire, Wales, and when ten years old accompanied her sister Elizabeth to the United States to join their step-father and guardian, Charles Charlton, who formerly was well known in railroad circles in the United States and Canada. To Charles R. Miller and wife the following children were born: Mary, who is the wife of J. H. Barr, residing at Galion, Mr. Barr being a rural mail carrier, they having three children—Jessie, Howard and Ruth;

Inez L.; Albert E., who is a merchant at Cleveland; and William H., who is in commercial art work at St. Louis, Mo., and who married Margaret DeNaux.

Miss Inez Miller was creditably graduated from the Galion High School in 1887 and began teaching in 1889, and for the past four years has been, also, elementary superintendent of the Crawford County Sunday School Association. She is so eminently a teacher and so thoroughly qualified in every way to be an instructor, that her availability is recognized wherever educational work is proposed and on many occasions she has been tendered positions of responsibility. While she is progressive and ambitious yet she is careful and understanding and the advancement made by her pupils is on a sound foundation. She is well known in the city's pleasant social life and, with the other members of her family, belongs to the English Lutheran church.

MRS. FRANCES CRUM, a well known and highly esteemed resident of Liberty township, Crawford county, O., residing on her well improved farm of 90 acres, was born in Liberty township and is a daughter of the late Abraham Grogg, and the widow of D. O. Crum.

D. O. Crum was born in Dauphin county, Pa., and was brought in childhood to Crawford county, his father locating in Liberty township. He grew to manhood on his father's farm and helped to clear and cultivate it, in the meanwhile attending the district schools and acquiring a fair knowledge of books. For some three years after his marriage, he worked his father-in-law's farm and then settled on the property now owned by his widow and here he lived as a busy and contented farmer until his death, March 27, 1896, at the age of 45 years. In everything pertaining to this property he felt an interest and continued to make improvements which included the erection of new and substantial buildings. He was widely known and much respected.

In 1871 D. O. Crum and Frances Grogg were united in marriage. Her father, Abraham Grogg, was born in Pennsylvania but spent the larger part of his life in Crawford county. Seven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Crum, namely: Chester C., who lives at

Mansfield, O.; Mande, who is the wife of L. W. Rodgers, who resides at Bucyrus and has three children—David, Donald and Mildred; E. L., who married Emma Loyer, and lives in the western part of Liberty township and who has three children—Lawrence, Opal and Alice; Estella, who is deceased; Fred, who resides with his mother; Lulu, who married Howard Gwinner, and has two children—Elmer and Josephine; and McKinley, who lives at home. Mrs. Crum and family belong to the United Brethren church. Mr. Crum was a Republican in politics but he was a quiet, peaceful man and never sought office nor engaged in political campaigns.

CLAUDE B. SHARER, superintendent of the sales department of the American Clay Machinery Company of Bucyrus, O., has been connected with this branch of one of the large industries of the city since 1904, coming from Philadelphia, Pa. Mr. Sharer was born July 30, 1871, at Delaware, O., and is a son of George W. Sharer, whose name has been carried to many sections of this and other countries as the inventor of modern brickmaking machinery. He was also a valiant soldier in the Union Army during the Civil War, a member of Co. C, 40th O. Vol. Inf. He was the patentee of the Sharer Brick-Dryer.

Claude B. Sharer was educated in the public schools of Terre Haute, Ind., and then became interested in brick machinery with his father, and 20 years of his active life was devoted to introducing and establishing modern brick plants with improved machinery. He is a practical brick man and probably is as well known in that trade as any man in the country, of his age, and has also had foreign experience, having visited the great brick centers of Europe and introduced the Sharer and other patents. For some time before coming to Bucyrus he had maintained his headquarters at Philadelphia, which is one of the greatest brick making centers of the country. His long experience as sales manager has made him a man of great value to his present company and he has charge of all the selling interests of this concern.

Mr. Sharer was married in 1895, at Philadelphia, to Miss Laetitia Call, who was born at Philadelphia, a daughter of Morris Call, and

they have four children: Beryl W., Claude B., Jr., Harvey B. and Morris C., their ages ranging from fourteen to eight years, and all are pupils in the public schools. Mr. Sharer is a Republican but no politician, nor is he addicted to the club habit. His family, his home and his business afford him contentment.

JACOB HILDEBRAND,* whose excellent farm of 30 acres lies in Whetstone township, Crawford county, O., has resided here since 1907 and was born in Liberty township, Crawford county, Feb. 14, 1851, a son of John and Margaret (Rapp) Hildebrand.

John Hildebrand was born in Germany and died in Liberty township, Crawford county, O. By trade he was a butcher and he also followed farming and was a well known man in his day in his neighborhood. He married Margaret Rapp, who was born in Pennsylvania and both are now deceased. The following children were born to them: Solomon, George, Mary, Emanuel, Jacob, Christian, Matilda, John, and Sophia, the last named being the wife of Terry Tupps. Mary, who is now deceased, was the wife of John Green, and Matilda is the wife of John Sheeley.

Jacob Hildebrand obtained his education in the schools of Liberty township and farming has occupied a large part of his time since then, although he has also been engaged in saw-mill work and also has traveled with a threshing machine in the threshing seasons. Prior to coming to Whetstone township he had lived for three years in Cranberry township and five years in Auburn township, and in the latter served as road supervisor and as school director. He has always been an industrious man and is one who enjoys the respect of his neighbors.

In September, 1884, Mr. Hildebrand was married to Miss Maria Utz, who was born in Canada, a daughter of Frederick and Gertrude (Hirnlein) Utz, natives of Germany. Mrs. Hildebrand has two brothers and one sister: Daniel, Augustus and Louisa. Mr. and Mrs. Hildebrand have four children, namely: Frederick, who married Della Kile; Florence; Harvey, who married Mabel Raiser; and Paul. Mr. Hildebrand has the assistance of his sons Florence and Paul on the home farm. The family belongs to the German Lutheran church

at Bucyrus. Mr. Hildebrand and son are Democrats in politics.

REV. THOMAS J. MONNETT, 1826-1901. From pioneer days to the present time the Monnett family has been numerous and honorably represented in the financial, educational and religious life of Crawford county.

Isaac Monnett was the first of the name to arrive. In 1828 with his wife, Elizabeth Pittinger Morris Monnett, and their family of adult children, including a step-son, Jeremiah Morris, he located on section 36, Bucyrus township, four and a half miles south of the county seat. The married children later located on adjacent lands. They were industrious, thrifty and religious people and while seeking personal and family advancement, ever had in mind the public welfare. Almost co-existent with a place of abode for himself and family, provision was made for religious services at his home, which was continued until better facilities could be arranged.

In 1835, the Rev. Jeremiah Monnett, a brother of the above, arrived and located in the vicinity near what is now Monnett Memorial chapel. His family was composed of his wife Aley (Elsie) Slagle Monnett and a number of adult children, most of whom after marriage settled in the locality and thus in a brief period of time a large element of desirable citizens was implanted in the community.

These brothers had come from Pickaway county, O., and were respectively the oldest and youngest sons in a large family born to Abraham and Ann (Hillary) Monnett, pioneers from Virginia to Pickaway county, O., at the beginning of the last century.

For generations a tradition had been held that the family had descended from Huguenot refugees, who left the "vine-clad hills and sunny vales" of their beloved France upon the Revocation of the Edict of Nantes and fled to England and some of them afterward to America, establishing themselves in Virginia and Maryland from whence descendants emigrated to Pickaway county, O., and in 1828 and 1835 some of them to Crawford county, as stated.

Within the past two years, a family history, entitled: "Monnett Family Genealogy. A Huguenot Lineage," has been compiled and

edited by the Hon. Orra Eugene Monnett, formerly of Bucyrus, O., but now of Los Angeles, California. He brought to his task an equipment, well-nigh perfect for such an undertaking—youth, health, enthusiasm, broad culture, including a legal training and ample financial resources to cover all expenses of travel and necessary investigation to insure utmost accuracy in the history. Traveling, personally, over the grounds of the various removals and migrations in America, back to England and France, searching records, muster rolls, records of historical societies, by such earnest, devoted and intelligent services unremittingly applied for several years, aided by an able corps of expert assistants and contributors, he has established, incontrovertibly, that the traditions were founded upon fact—that the family belonged to the nobility, eligible to the use of a coat-of-arms, with a most significant motto: "*Florens suo orbe Monet*," and in the services of ancestors in the land of their refuge, in colonial and revolutionary days, entitled their descendants to qualify as Sons of Colonial Wars, Colonial Dames, Sons and Daughters of the American Revolution, Members of the Huguenot Society of America, etc.

In view of this interesting and honorable inheritance, it is hoped, there will be nothing of the parvenu in the kindred of this and later times; and it is trusted, that fidelity to principle; incorruptible integrity; self-sacrifice and strong self-reliance which has made the name honorable, down the centuries, wherever representatives have lived for a considerable time, will have an inspiring effect upon descendants to live up to high ideals of life.

It is the object of this sketch to present, in brief review, one of the representative members of this family—the Reverend Thomas Jefferson Monnett, the youngest son and thirteenth child born to the Rev. Jeremiah and Aley (Elsie) Monnett.

He was born in Pickaway county, O., Jan. 16, 1826. In 1835, he came to Crawford county, O., with his parents, where they located four and a half miles south of Bucyrus. Here he grew to manhood. He early evidenced a keen intellect, a fine gift of language and other endowments which gave promise of a successful professional career. Officials of the Methodist Episcopal church, which he had

joined in his boyhood, soon recognized his fitness for the Christian ministry in her communion, and at eighteen years of age, he was licensed to exhort, and recommended for advancement in the ministry. His father, also had noted with interest and pleasure the same evidences of "a call to preach" and in furtherance of a good foundation for the work had the son read Clarke's Commentaries on the Scriptures, both Old and New Testaments. This was mainly done in winter evenings. Meanwhile, young Monnett taught the district school, worked on the farm, attended a select school in the neighborhood and for a time, the Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware, Ohio. As the "fields were white to the harvest and the laborers few," those in authority urged him to enter at once, the active ministerial ranks and trust to and utilize his opportunities for acquiring academic knowledge while fulfilling his studies as a minister. This unwise policy made his later work unduly hard and had much to do with enfeebling his constitution, which had never been robust.

Mr. Monnett joined the North Ohio Conference of the Methodist Episcopal church in 1852 and for the full period of time, served successively, in the following order: Melmore Circuit, Fostoria, Kenton, Upper Sandusky, Latimberville Circuit, which at the time embraced a wide area and contained nine appointments. He was an extremely hard worker in his pastorates, conducting revivals and church building or repairing enterprises in all of them. Finally, in the rigorous winter of 1860-61, after an unusually prolonged series of meetings, at most of the appointments on the large circuit, his health became seriously impaired, especially from a siege of acute bronchitis. This trouble afterward became chronic and compelled his retirement from the active ministry. In taking up secular work from 1864 to the time of his death he was ever ready to answer the calls of the church when health permitted. He never ceased to regard the ministry as his calling and on the testimony of one, who knew conditions better than anyone else, his secular activities were largely incidental and not studied voluntary business enterprises, as business men pursue them.

The many calls for services at quarterly meetings, Sunday-school conventions, farmers'

institutes, temperance and many other organizations met with a ready response, if possible, and his services were in requisition to the time of his fatal illness. At that time he was closing his thirteenth consecutive year as president of the Crawford County Sunday-school Association and held official relations to other religious and moral organizations.

Mr. Monnett's ministerial services were without financial consideration, no moneyed reward excepting the occasional wedding fee came to him, and no minister, in the region of his residence rendered so much gratuitous ministerial service and for the long period of his life, few, if any, were so popular. He could only cope with his chronic malady by leading an out-of-door life, so he continued on his farm and by this course he maintained a fair average of health and accomplished a larger measure of work for the Master's Kingdom than would otherwise have been possible.

In his secular work he was for twenty years head of the woolen mills of Bucyrus; for eighteen years president of the Bucyrus Gas company, and principal owner of the plant; at the same time he was interested in banking and stock-raising and engaged in looking after his landed estate. He spurned all sham methods of accumulating wealth and in commercial and business circles, his word was as good as his bond.

His own acquaintance with the hardships of the business world, on account of the fluctuations of the markets and the intricacies and uncertainties of trade, greatly broadened his sympathies for business men and they understood and honored him for it.

Notwithstanding his attention given to church and educational work he amassed a comfortable fortune as well as endowing his children with a liberal education and financial opportunities.

Mr. Monnett died of bronchitis at his home in Bucyrus, O., May 10, 1901, in the seventy-sixth year of his age and was buried in Monnett cemetery. His last sickness indicated a complication of diseases, but an autopsy revealed all organs normal but the bronchial system and bronchitis was therefore the primary cause of his death.

Thomas J. Monnett was married Oct. 17, 1817, to Miss Henrietta Johnston, daughter of

Esquire Thomas D. and Martha (Walton) Johnston, wealthy and highly respected pioneers of Marion county, O. Seven children were born of this union; two of them, Webster and Agnes J., died in infancy. John Gilbert, "Bertie," died in his young manhood, March 26, 1879. A daughter, Mrs. Effie Monnett Bennett, in the early prime of a noble and most beautiful womanhood, died Oct. 27, 1898, leaving a husband, Hon. Smith W. Bennett and two children, Hugh Monnett and Grace Lizetta. Mr. Bennett, who is a highly successful lawyer and who was for ten years special counsel in the attorney-general's office at Columbus, by a second marriage, this time to Miss Ania Drought, a beautiful and accomplished lady, well-fitted for such a position, has had his home sweetly reestablished and with his family is living at Columbus, O.

The oldest surviving son, Orin Bruce, married Anna Hoffman, daughter of Charles and Catharine (Snyder) Hoffman and they have two children, Ethel and Bessie, both married. Mr. Monnett is in the real estate business and the family home is at Conroe, Montgomery county, Texas. William Arthur married Annetta Boyer, daughter of Joshua and Charlotte (Slough) Boyer and they have three children, Kay, Grace and Charlotte. Kay married Harriet Homes and they are the parents of six children. William Arthur Monnett and family live on the old homestead on the Sandusky Pike.

Francis Sylvester, graduate of the O. W. U. and National Law School, Washington, D. C.; was twice attorney-general of Ohio; practicing now in all the courts including supreme court of the United States; married Ellen Kate Gornly, daughter of James B. and Virginia (Qwingley) Gornly and their home is at Columbus, O.

The devoted, faithful wife, and mother of this family, Mrs. Henrietta Monnett, lived with her husband during his active ministry and was a constant inspiration to him and the work. She was ever honored and greatly beloved by all who made her acquaintance. Her useful life came to a close, Nov. 20, 1871.

Mr. Monnett was twice married. His second union was with Miss Sarah Rexroth, M. S., a daughter of John Nicholas and Anna Maria (Rittmann) Rexroth, a graduate of

Mount Union college and late principal of the Bucyrus high school. She brought with her into the family life a rich Christian experience, a well-trained intellect and a mind and heart full of noble inspirations. She gave the best years of her life to the rearing of the family and fitting them for the serious duties of life and training them for high school and college education along with her other arduous family duties. She fully sympathized with her husband in his religious activities and ever strove to make his work successful. She was a devoted companion to Mr. Monnett in his declining years.

The family home had been in Bucyrus, a number of years before Mr. Monnett's death and here Mrs. Monnett became identified with various activities, helping to establish the Current Events Club and in earlier years the foreign and home missionary societies of the First M. E. church, and in recent years W. F. M. society at Monnett Memorial Chapel; was one of the nine women incorporators of the Bucyrus public library and served as trustee, was chairman of the building committee of Monnett Memorial Chapel and administered her husband's estate. Mrs. Monnett lives at Bucyrus, O.

ALBERT RENSCH,* market gardener and proprietor of the Renschville Greenhouses, located just outside the city limits of Galion, O., is carrying on a business which was established 43 years ago by his late father, Jacob Rensch. Albert Rensch was born July 1, 1863, in the large brick house which was erected here in 1853, and is a son of Jacob and Elizabeth (Deinkeldein) Rensch.

Jacob Rensch was born in Baden, Germany, in 1828, and in 1833 accompanied his parents to the United States, they locating on the present site of the Renschville plant, just outside of Galion, it then being covered with native timber and entirely a wilderness. They had two sons and one daughter: Jacob, Frederick and Martha, all of whom are now deceased, the death of Jacob Rensch occurring May 17, 1903. On the portion of the home land which became his, he started a market garden and as he prospered, enlarged the scope of his business and in 1880 built the first hot house. He had a natural leaning in the direction and built

up a large business which he continued to be interested in as long as he lived. He married Elizabeth Deinkeldein, who was born in Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany, and was seven years old when her parents, Peter and Martha Deinkeldein, came to Ohio and located near the Rensch land, under similar conditions. She survived until April 23, 1900. Jacob Rensch and wife were members of the German Reformed church. Of their family of ten children all survive except one, Clara, who died at the age of 17 years, the others being: Henry, Edward, Janet, Frank, Albert, Emma, Mary, Emanuel and Amanda, all of whom have married with the exception of Albert and all are residents of Crawford county.

Albert Rensch with his brothers and sisters attended the country schools and willingly gave his father assistance in his farming and gardening, having a taste in this direction, and before his father's death became the practical manager of the business. Since the property became his own he has made many changes, tearing down the old buildings and erecting five greenhouses in which he has installed modern equipments and carries on his undertaking in a scientific way. He is a good business man and a representative citizen, being a member of the Commercial Club. With his brothers he is identified with the Democratic party, and with the other members of his family, was confirmed in the Reformed church. He has assistants in his brothers and they cultivate 63 acres and in the greenhouses have 12,000 feet of glass and in the spring their trade is very heavy, shipping their forced plants to outside points, while their local trade is very satisfactory.

JOSEPH HEINLE. One of the substantial old families of Holmes township, Crawford county, O., is the Heinle family and a member of the same, Joseph Heinle, lives on the old homestead which his father acquired as wild land, some 60 years ago. Mr. Heinle was born on this farm of 94 acres, which lies four miles west of Bucyrus, May 26, 1857, and is a son of John G. and Maria (Leitz) Heinle.

John G. Heinle was born in 1819 in Germany and came to Crawford county, O., in 1837, engaged first in farming in Bucyrus township and then came to Holmes township

and bought the present place. To the development and improvement of this property he devoted many years of life and lived into old age, dying in 1899, when 80 years old, his wife surviving to be 75 years of age. They had eight children, namely: Eliza, who is the wife of Adam Brown; Frances, who lives in Bucyrus township; George, who also lives in Bucyrus township; Mrs. Kate Gibson, of Oceola, O.; Mrs. Mary Ann Meyers, of Van Wert, O.; John and Philip, both of whom live in Bucyrus township; and Joseph.

Joseph Heinle obtained his education in the schools of Crawford county and ever since has been engaged in farm pursuits on the old homestead which he purchased. In addition to general farming and some fruit raising he gives attention to stock raising to a moderate degree, and through his systematic methods produces fine returns.

Mr. Heinle married Miss Emma Snavelly, a daughter of David Snavelly and they have had four children: Kate, who married Moses Steiger, and has one daughter, Valeria; Agnes; Mary and Stella, the youngest daughter being deceased. Mr. Heinle and family belong to the Martin Luther church in Tod township. In politics he is a Democrat and has served in the office of road supervisor.

JOHN GRAU, who owns 113 acres of finely improved land situated three and one-half miles northeast of Bucyrus, O., in Liberty township, Crawford county, is a careful and competent farmer and has every reason to feel satisfied with his agricultural success. He was born in 1870, in Tuscarawas county, O., one of a family of nine children born to his parents, who were Gottlieb and Dora (Esterley) Grau. Two of the children died in infancy, but the following survive: John; George, who married Mary Crall, lives near Bucyrus; Jacob, who lives in Marion county, O., married Mary Scherer; Edward, who lives two miles south of Bucyrus, and married Anna Wise; Albert, who lives at Cleveland; Mary, who is the wife of Frederick Metzger, of Bucyrus; and Emma, who resides at Cleveland.

John Grau had the usual district school advantages of a farmer's son and very early became acquainted with many of the practical facts that are foundation stones in successful

farming. After purchasing the property on which he lives he did considerable improving and has one of the most valuable and attractive farms in this section.

Mr. Grau married Miss Rachel McCullough, who is a daughter of Thomas and Mary (McClelland) McCullough, and they have two children, Louise and Earl. Mr. Grau and family are members of the Presbyterian church. He is identified with the Democratic party but takes no very active part in public matters. He is interested, however, in having good schools and good laws concerning the construction and repair of the public highways, as becomes a good citizen.

J. BERT ROBINSON,* one of the enterprising and active business men of Galion, a member of the transportation firm of Walford & Robinson, proprietors of the Central Delivery company, with business stand on Warehouse Alley, Galion, was born in Polk township, Crawford county, O., Jan. 23, 1876, and is a son of J. Chalmer and Emma Robinson.

Hon. James Robinson, grandfather of J. Bert Robinson, was born in Pennsylvania but spent the greater part of his active life in Crawford county, where he became a man of large estate and considerable political prominence, for years being a public official and a member of the state legislature. He was the founder of the thriving village of North Robinson. His death occurred at Galion, when he was 75 years of age. His son, J. Chalmer Robinson, was born in Crawford county and has been a successful farmer for many years, in 1885 moving to North Bloomfield township, Morrow county, where he now resides. His family consists of four sons: James H., a practicing physician at Selma, Calif., who married there and has one daughter; J. Bert, our subject; Richard W., a civil and mechanical engineer with the American Bridge company, at Chicago, who has one son; and Karl, a professional ball-player with the Western League, who has his home at Omaha, Nebr., and has one daughter.

J. Bert Robinson attended school at Galion and later was a student in the Tri-State Normal school, at Angola, Ind., and at Ada, O., and for a time taught school and very successfully. He then turned his attention to rail-

roading and for ten years was fireman and later engineer on the Erie railway, leaving the road to embark in his present business and in partnership with Mr. Walford has been proprietor and half owner of the Central Delivery Company here, succeeding the Central Delivery Company, a corporation. This company is well equipped, having nine wagons and nine drays, for the accommodation of the merchants. They have so systemized the work by dividing the city into five routes, their schedule being for five daily deliveries of merchandise, that both the public and the merchants are admirably served.

Mr. Robinson was married in Morrow county, O., to Miss Ella Walford, who was born, reared and educated there, and is a sister of K. J. Walford, Mr. Robinson's partner. Mr. Walford is in the transfer and dray business, at Ashland, O. Mr. and Mrs. Robinson have three sons: B. Austin, a manly lad of eleven years; J. Harold, aged nine years; and Clarence W., who is five years old. Mr. and Mrs. Robinson are members of the Christian church. He is a Democrat in his political views but his tastes lie more in the direction of business than politics.

O. J. KELLER, who is engaged in the mercantile business at Sulphur Springs, Crawford county, O., is one of the substantial citizens of Liberty township and is an honorable veteran of the great Civil War. He was born in Northampton county, Pa., in 1843, and is a son of Joseph and Lavina Keller. There were 11 children in the family, namely: O. J.; Jeremiah, who lives in Pennsylvania; Josiah, who is deceased; Reuben, who died at Lindsay, O., and who was a Reformed Lutheran minister; Mary Katherine, who is deceased; John H. and Matilda, both of whom died young, and four who died in infancy.

O. J. Keller remained at home through his school period and afterward until the age of 18 years, when he enlisted for service in the Civil War, becoming a member of Co. C, 49th O. Vol. Inf., under his cousin, Captain Keller, and Colonel Gibson, and served from Aug. 15, 1861, until his honorable discharge in Texas, in November, 1865. He has a bright war record which proves that he was ever at his post of duty and participated in the hardships and dan-

gers of his comrades on every occasion. He took part in the battles of Shiloh, Stone River, Chickamauga, Nashville, Missionary Ridge and the entire Atlanta campaign. At the battle of Stone River he was captured by the Confederates but was paroled six months afterward and later rejoined his regiment.

After his military service was over, Mr. Keller returned to Crawford county and embarked in the mercantile business at Sulphur Springs in which he has been engaged ever since. He has invested in village property and farm land in the vicinity and has additional business interests. He belongs to the Grand Army of the Republic and is held in high regard by his brother veterans. Mr. Keller is a life member of the Reformed church.

WESLEY BEAL, a substantial citizen of Crawford county, O., proprietor of a productive farm near Bucyrus, is president of the Crawford County Mutual Fire Insurance Company and is active in all public spirited movements in his section. He belongs to a very highly regarded old family of this part of Ohio, one that has many representatives. He was born in Bucyrus township, Crawford county, March 10, 1865, and is a son of Benjamin and a grandson of John George, and a great-grandson of John George Beal.

Benjamin Beal was born in Lycoming county, Pa., in 1840, and in 1843 accompanied the family to Crawford county, where he was reared and attended school to such good purpose that he was a satisfactory teacher in early manhood, afterward becoming a farmer and when he moved to Bucyrus, in 1889, in order to give his children better educational opportunities, he was the owner of two valuable farms. Here he shortly afterward became secretary of the Crawford County Mutual Fire Insurance company, an office he retained until the close of his life, in 1898. He was a Republican in politics and was interested in the election of suitable men to office but he never countenanced irregular methods in that connection nor in any other. He was known as an honest and upright man. He was one of the organizers of Bucyrus Grange, No. 705, and was master and secretary for some years, and was identified also with the Masons and the order of the Eastern Star. In early life he was



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a member of the German Methodist church but at the time of death and some years before, he was united with the English Methodist Episcopal church and was an official. He was also secretary of the Crawford County Agricultural Society for many years.

Benjamin Beal was married first in Bucyrus township, Crawford county, to Mary Stoltz, who was born in Whetstone township, her people having come to this county from Pennsylvania three generations ago. She died in 1868, and in 1870 Mr. Beal was married to Lydia A. Rexroth, who died in 1889, the mother of eight children, the following of whom survive: Benjamin, Jr., who lives in Bucyrus township and has three children; Mary A., a graduate of the Delaware University, who is the wife of Rev. Thomas Housel, a minister in the Methodist Episcopal church at Delaware and has two children; Edward G., a graduate of the law department in the Delaware University, who is cashier of the First National Bank at Bucyrus, and who married Rachel Monnett; William D., who has but recently returned from a missionary labor of seven years in India, being a Methodist minister and who married a daughter of Bishop Robinson, a missionary of the Methodist church in India; and Bertha E., who is a graduate of the Delaware University and later a teacher in the Bucyrus High School. To the first marriage of Mr. Beal three children were born: Albert, Wesley and Emma. The eldest son died in 1908. He was a graduate of the Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware and then spent four years in the Boston Theological Seminary and subsequently served the Methodist Episcopal church as a minister for eight years in Massachusetts and then was transferred to Ohio and continued in his religious work until his death. He married Mary McCully, who survives and resides with her father at Crestline, and has one daughter, Beatrice. Emma, the only daughter, is the wife of Charles E. Ensminger and they live on the old Beal homestead. Their children are Gertrude, Arthur and Edgar.

Wesley Beal, after completing his education, turned his attention to agricultural pursuits. In 1903 he purchased one of the Beal farms and since then has carried on farming and stock raising. For a number of years he has been a director of the Crawford County Mut-

ual Fire Insurance company and since 1910 has been its president. He is one of the influential Republicans of the county and is a man of high standing in business and politics as well as personally.

In 1888 Mr. Beal was married in Bucyrus township to Miss Eva Beall, born in 1868, a daughter of James P. and Mary A. (Keckler) Beall, natives of Harrison County, O. They came to Crawford county some 50 years ago and settled in Bucyrus township, where he became a man of consequence. He died in 1904 and was survived by his widow until 1911. They were members of the Methodist Episcopal church. Of their nine children, two died in infancy, seven grew to maturity and five are yet living. To Mr. and Mrs. Beal the following children have been born: Ruth M., Dorsey A., E. Naomi and James B. The family as a unit, belongs to the Methodist Episcopal church.

PHILIP CRAMER, who is one of Crawford county's substantial citizens and well known and highly respected men, resides on one of his seven farms, his home being located in section 6, Auburn township. He was born on this farm, May 17, 1846, a son of Mathias and Margaret (Smith) Cramer.

The parents of Mr. Cramer were born, reared and married in Germany. When they came to the United States they chose Auburn township, Crawford county, O., as their home and here Mathias Cramer secured 60 acres of swamp and timber land. To the clearing and subsequent cultivating of this land he devoted the rest of his life and through his industry made it into a farm which provided well for himself and family. He died here at the age of 56 years and his burial, as also that of his wife, was in the Catholic cemetery at New Washington. Both were devoted members of the Catholic church. In Germany three children had been born to them: Christina, and two babes that died in infancy, and two more were born after coming to America: Mrs. Catherine Felter, who lives in Huron county, O.; and Philip, our subject.

Philip Cramer was only nine years old when his father died and afterward, for four years, he lived with his uncle, Peter Yocum, at New Washington, and then worked on farms for

eleven years, following which he bought an old saw mill in Cranberry township. He then invested in a horse-power threshing machine, which he operated for three years and then bought a steam thresher and operated that through the county for five years. Mr. Cramer continued to be enterprising, watching for business opportunities and then taking them. For 14 years he engaged in grain buying at North Auburn and for ten years has been a buyer of stock and a raiser of high grade stock and cattle. For several years after the death of his parents, the home farm was rented out but Mr. Cramer always wanted to make it his permanent home and when the chance came, he bought the interests of the other heirs and has resided here ever since. He is one of the heavy tax payers of the county, his seven farms aggregating 1,017 acres, situated in both Cranberry and Auburn townships.

Mr. Cramer married Miss Anna Hetzer, a daughter of Anthony Hetzer, and they have the following children: Andrew, Henry, Edward, Emma, John, Nora, Jacob, Frank, and Fred, and Philip, who is deceased. Mr. Cramer and family belong to St. Mary's Catholic church. He has been almost a lifelong Democrat but has not been a seeker for office, his many business interests sufficiently occupying his attention. He has built seven large barns, one on each farm, two fine residences, and has also built the elevator and two good store rooms at North Auburn, besides other necessary farm buildings. All the farms were without buildings and fences when he bought them.

G. W. GRAUER, farmer and stock raiser, is one of the leading agriculturists and substantial men of Holmes township, Crawford county, O. He resides just north of Bucyrus, on the old family homestead of 72 acres and owns an adjacent farm, all told 103 acres of valuable farming land. He was born on this place in 1866 and is a son of J. George and Mary (Armburster) Grauer.

J. George Grauer and his wife were both born in Germany and she came to America in 1847 and he in the fifties. Mr. Grauer acquired the farm that has ever since been in the family and erected the buildings and cleared

it, spending the rest of his life on the place, an honest, respected, hard-working man. He died here in 1882, when aged 56 years. His widow still survives and although in her 80th year, is active in both mind and body. They had the following children: Rickey, who is the wife of John A. Knipp and lives in Henry county; Christian, who lives in Colorado; Mary, who is the wife of Henry Geiger; G. W.; and an infant, deceased.

After his period of school attendance was over, G. W. Grauer took upon himself the responsibilities which he has carried ever since, the management, care and development of his property. The improvements he has made here are sensible and substantial and evidences of thrift are seen in every direction.

Mr. Grauer married Miss Emma Nagel, who is a daughter of John A. Nagel, who is a resident of Bellevue, O., and they have five children, namely: Filmore, Carl, Lawrence, George and Thelma. Mr. Grauer and family attend the German Lutheran church at Bucyrus. In politics he is a Democrat.

GEORGE F. LAYER, a leading citizen of Liberty township, Crawford county, O., and a representative of one of the oldest families, resides on his farm of 220 acres, which is situated eight and one-half miles northeast of Bucyrus and two miles northwest of Sulphur Springs, O. He was born in Michigan and is a son of John A. Layer.

John A. Layer was born in Wittenberg, Germany, and was four years old when his parents brought him to America. They located in Liberty township, Crawford county, O., and there he was reared and remained on the home place until he married, when he moved to Michigan and lived there until after the birth of his son, George F., when he returned to Liberty township. He had the following children: Elizabeth, Louisa, George F., Frank E., and one who died in infancy.

George F. Layer was yet a child when his parents returned to Liberty township and he remained on the home farm until he was 26 years of age, when he married and bought 70 acres of the homestead. After the death of his mother he returned to the old home, bought the remainder of the land and his father died here. Mr. Layer has one of the best improved

farms in this part of Crawford county and manages his land according to modern ideas. His handsome residence is equipped with city conveniences, having a complete water system and an acetylene plant for lighting, and other buildings of substantial construction.

In 1891 Mr. Layer was united in marriage with Miss Emma Ulmer, a daughter of Gottlieb Ulmer, a native of Germany, and they have three children: Florence, Harvey and Frederick. Mr. Layer and family are members of St. Paul's Lutheran church. In politics Mr. Layer is a Democrat but he has never accepted any public office other than membership on the school board.

CHARLES HENKEL,* who, for a quarter of a century, has been an engineer with the Erie Railway company, with home at Galion, O., was born March 4, 1853, at Brooklyn, N. Y., and is a son of Conrad and Elizabeth Henkel.

The parents of Mr. Henkel were born in Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany, and came from there in 1850 to the United States and located at Brooklyn, N. Y., where the father died in July, 1853, aged about 40 years. In 1866 the mother and children came to Galion, O., and here she survived until in her 78th year. Both parents were members of the German Lutheran church. Of their children there are four survivors, namely: Conrad; John, who is in the butchering business at Troy, O., who is a widower with four children; Elizabeth, who is the wife of Tobias Mockel; and Charles, who was but four months old when his father died.

Charles Henkel is a self made man, having to contend with many difficulties in boyhood and youth, incident to the early death of his father and the establishing of the family in a strange city and country. After his school days were over he applied for and secured work with the Erie Railway company and his faithfulness and industry were rewarded by promotion from time to time, and in 1887 he became freight engineer on the Fourth Division running between Galion and Dayton, O. Mr. Henkel has met with few accidents, being judicious and careful and never taking chances, and enjoys the full confidence of his employers and the respect and esteem of his comrades. He is popular with the latter and is a member

of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers.

Mr. Henkel was married at Galion, to Miss Amanda Huffman, who was born in Morrow county, O., in 1861, a daughter of Michael and Susanna (Bortner) Huffman. The parents of Mrs. Henkel were born in Pennsylvania and came to Ohio in early married life, where the father preempted 160 acres of land, in Morrow county. That was the family homestead and there the father died when aged 81 years and the mother in her 79th year. They were kind, good people and were faithful members of the English Lutheran church.

Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Henkel: Carrie, born in 1882, who married Jesse Reinhart, a farmer near Galion; Elmer, who follows the trade of carriage trimmer at Galion, and who married Gertrude Eichman; and Allen, who is a sailor in the U. S. Navy and is now located at the Brooklyn Navy Yard, Brooklyn, N. Y. Mr. and Mrs. Henkel are members of the English Lutheran church. In politics he is a Democrat. Some years since Mr. Henkel built his handsome residence at No. 563 Boston street, Galion.

EMANUEL JOHNSON, a leading citizen of Holmes township, Crawford county, O., serving in the office of township treasurer, is owner and proprietor of Fairview farm, a valuable tract of 60 acres which lies four miles northwest of Bucyrus, O. He was born in Fulton county, Pa., in 1851, and is a son of David and Susanna (Masters) Johnson.

The parents of Mr. Johnson were both born in Pennsylvania, the father in Fulton county and the mother in Franklin county and both died in Fulton county when aged about 80 years. They had a family of 12 children, as follows: Martin, who is deceased; John F., who still lives in Pennsylvania; Mary and Luther, both of whom are deceased; Emanuel; Daniel M., who lives south of Bucyrus; Jennie, who is deceased; Ruhammah; Gilbert, who lives at Joliet, Ill.; Joseph, who is a resident of North Ohio; Albert L., who lives at Williamsport, Md.; and Edward, who is a resident of Shelby, O.

Emanuel Johnson attended the public schools in youth, afterward taught school for two years and assisted on the home farm. In 1882 he came to Holmes township, Crawford

county and has resided here ever since, in 1900 purchasing his present farm on which he carries on progressive farming and raises fine stock. The improvements have been placed here since he took charge and these include the comfortable residence.

Mr. Johnson was married to Miss Hetty D. Hiteshew, who was born in Maryland, and three children were born to them: Millard, who died at the age of five years; Beulah, who is the wife of D. E. Downing of Holmes township, and has one son, Paul; and Russell Sage, who assists on the home farm. Politically Mr. Johnson has always been identified with the Democratic party. He has been a useful and representative citizen, always interested in public matters and particularly concerned in the advancement of the public schools. He has served as a school director and at present is township treasurer. Mr. Johnson and family belong to the Evangelical church in Holmes township.

CHARLES M. SHEEHE, conductor on the Cincinnati East, the Third Division, Erie railway, has been identified with this important transportation line since 1890 and is numbered with its most valued employees. He was born at Mingo, Champaign county, O., Feb. 19, 1870, and is a son of Michael and Catherine (McGraw) Sheeche.

The parents of Mr. Sheeche were born in Ireland but were married in New York city, he having come to America when aged about 20 years and she when 16 years of age. A few years after marriage they moved to Mingo, O., where Mr. Sheeche was employed in railroad construction, being foreman of a gang of workmen, and there he died in 1879, when in his 57th year. His widow survived until April 29, 1911, being then 74 years of age. They were members of the Roman Catholic church. Their family consisted of seven sons and two daughters, three of the sons and one of the daughters being now deceased. Two of the sons are residents of Galion and railroad men: Charles M. and Henry, the latter being a brakeman with the Erie road.

As a brakeman with the road he still serves, Charles M. Sheeche entered the service in 1890 and continued in that position until 1898, when he was made conductor on a freight train with

a competent crew under his orders, for seven years being with the Cincinnati West Division and since then with the Cincinnati East. He has a fine record as to carefulness and efficiency, never having had any serious accidents, and is also a respected citizen of Galion, now his home.

At Galion Mr. Sheeche was married to Miss Elizabeth Wildenthaler, who was born at Galion, Jan. 11, 1874, where she was educated in St. Joseph's parochial school. Her parents were Andrew and Amanda (Murray) Wildenthaler. After Mr. Wildenthaler's death, the mother subsequently married a Mr. Slabauch and both are now deceased. To Mr. and Mrs. Sheeche the following children have been born: Roy L., who is a brakeman on the Erie railroad; Marie C.; Charles J., who is call boy at Galion for the Erie; George H. and Floyd F., both of whom are in school; Dorothy M., who died at the age of eight months; and Frank A., John E. and Jean E. Mr. Sheeche and family are members of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic church. He is identified with the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen and belongs also to the Eagles, Maccabees and Elks and has served officially in some of these organizations. In politics he is a Democrat.

WILLIAM J. WINANS,* a popular, trusted and esteemed conductor on the Erie railway, with home at Galion, O., was born in Douglas township, Effingham county, Ill., Oct. 25, 1865. Almost from boyhood he has been connected with railway life and for a number of years has been very prominent in organized labor circles.

By the time Mr. Winans was 12 years old his schooldays were over and he was practically thrown on his own resources. He worked through the farming sections of Illinois until he was 17 years of age when he came to Ohio and until he was 23 was mainly engaged in farming and brick making, in Richland and Crawford counties. He then entered the service of the Erie railroad as a brakeman and by 1896 had reached such proficiency that he was entrusted with a freight train as conductor and as such has watched over the safe transportation of millions of dollars worth of commodities and has met with few accidents. He has always been connected with the Third Divi-

sion, which is also known as the Cincinnati East. He early became a member of the organization known as the railroad trainmen and since 1890 has been continuously its state representative sent again and again, for six successive terms as a delegate to the state legislature to look after the interests of all railroad employes in Ohio and he has been faithful to the trust reposed in him. He has served on the city council at Galion of which city he has been a resident since 1889. In his political affiliation he is a Democrat. In 1910 Mr. Winans was appointed by Governor Harmon a member of a committee to draft a report pertaining to labor compensation and in the summing up, Mr. Winans disagreed with the other four members and sent in a minority report and when the bill which it affected was passed and became a law it was seen that Mr. Winans's report presented a perfect working plan.

At a recent meeting of the State Constitutional Convention the following testimonial was presented to Mr. Winans by the labor group of 15 members of the convention, under date of May 23, 1912:

"We, the undersigned members of organized labor, delegates in Ohio's Fourth Constitutional Convention herewith heartily commend Mr. W. J. Winans for his efficient and untiring efforts in behalf of the cause of labor as presented to the convention. We recognize that labor has been successful in having adopted measures which will give the people the greatest opportunity for progress and advancement, and we submit this testimonial to you for having contributed so much to the passage of labor measure. The labor group in the convention congratulated the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen in having a representative who has faithfully and intelligently represented them at the convention. This makes a new era in the advancement for the benefit of mankind." This document bore the signatures of the fifteen labor delegates. On the day following the receipt of the above, Mr. Winans was still further honored by the receipt of a beautiful fob and gold watch charm, suitably engraved, which gift was especially gratifying at this time as indicative of the sincerity of its donors.

On June 27, 1893, Mr. Winans was married at Hamilton, Canada, to Miss Mary E. Mar-

latt, who was born and reared in one of the towns of the province of Ontario. She was born Sept. 17, 1869, and died at Galion, O., May 9, 1909, the beloved and tender mother of three children, namely: Hazel E., who was born Feb. 28, 1895, who is a student in the Galion High School; Lawrence J., who was born Dec. 8, 1897, who is also a high school student; and Bernice J., who died when aged ten months and nine days. Mr. Winans is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, to which his wife also belonged, and the children are interested in Sunday-school work.

CARL E. COBB, a general farmer and well known resident of Liberty township, Crawford county, O., was born in 1881 in Liberty township and is a member of one of the old Pioneer families of Crawford county, residing on the farm of 200 acres which his grandfather entered from the Government. He is one of three heirs to this property. His parents were Charles C. and Hannah (Heckart) Cobb.

Charles C. Cobb was born in Ohio and was a farmer during his entire mature life. He inherited the present farm from his father and kept it intact and passed it on to his children. It is a fine property yet undivided. He married Hannah Heckart, who was born in Pennsylvania and they had three children: Ora E., who married Philip Russman and has four children—Russell, Pearl, Cyril and Donald—and resides in Whetstone township; Otis, who resides on the homestead with his mother; and Carl E., our subject.

Carl E. Cobb attended the public schools and since then has devoted his time and attention to farm pursuits. He owns one-third of the undivided estate. The heirs have made numerous improvements on this property and have recently completed the erection of a substantial barn and are carrying out their agricultural operations along modern and progressive lines.

On Jan. 1, 1905, Mr. Cobb was united in marriage with Miss Elizabeth C. Sandhammer, a member of an old family of this section, one of three children, the others being: Maggie, who married James Maudsley and has had five children—Maud, William, Georgia, Joseph and an infant, deceased; and Ada, who married Harvey Eaton, residing at Bucyr-

rus, and has two children—Joseph and Melvin. Mr. and Mrs. Cobb have two interesting little sons: Wallace G. and Merrill W. Mr. Cobb votes with the Republican party and takes a good citizen's interest in affairs pertaining to his own neighborhood.

LEWIS MILLER, who enjoys the distinction of being the oldest teacher now living in Crawford county, where his educational work was carried on for a number of years, resides on his excellent farm of 160 acres, situated two miles northeast of Lemert, O. He was born in 1836, in Seneca county, O., and is a son of Jacob and Phebe (Pennington) Miller.

Jacob Miller was born in Fairfield county, O., and in young manhood went to Seneca county and latter came to Crawford county. He followed farming in both counties and at one time owned almost 1,000 acres of land. His death occurred in his 82d year. He married Phebe Pennington and of their eight children there are two survivors: Lewis and Levi, the latter being a resident of Benton, O.

Lewis Miller attended school in boyhood in both Seneca and Crawford counties and afterward taught school for some years and there are many yet living who recall him as their able and helpful teacher. For four years he served as school examiner, has been a school director and has always taken much interest in the public schools. After coming to his present farm he made many improvements and erected all necessary buildings and repaired the others. He still keeps up his interest in his farming and stock raising industries and has the assistance of his son.

Mr. Miller married Miss Crilley A. Housburg, who was born in Crawford county, one mile west of the Miller farm, a daughter of Leonard Housburg, and they have had seven children, namely: Jesse, who married Daisy Dewell, and has one son, Wesley; Mary Effie, who married A. Horton, and has four children—Oscar, Donald, William and Nellie; Ira J., who assists in the management of the home farm; Ruphena, who is the wife of J. Heinle; Arletta and Lawrence, both of whom live at home; and a babe that died. In politics Mr. Miller is a stanch Democrat and has served in public office at times and formerly

was township clerk. He is one of the county's most highly respected citizens.

ALLEN W. OCKER,* who is connected with the E. M. Freese Works, at Galion, in the capacity of blacksmith, a skilled man along this line and one of large experience, was born in Richland county, O., Nov. 16, 1859, a son of Josiah and Mary A. (Winters) Ocker.

Josiah Ocker and wife were born in Maryland and after marriage moved from Carroll county in that state to Troy township, Richland county, O., where the mother of Allen W. Ocker died when he was 12 days old. The father contracted a second marriage and one son also was born to that union. The father died at the home of his son, Allen W., in 1911, when aged almost 78 years.

Allen W. Ocker remained in Richland county and obtained his education in Troy township, in 1876 coming to Galion, where he learned the blacksmith trade, later going to Bucyrus where he entered the employ of the Bucyrus Steam Shovel and Dredge Company and remained with that concern for 12 years. On Jan. 12, 1894, he came to Galion and accepted a position with the firm of E. M. Freese & Co. Mr. Ocker is a skilled workman along the line of machine blacksmithing and tool making.

Mr. Ocker was married in Crawford county in 1888, to Miss Carrie Berger, who is a sister of Mrs. E. M. Freese. Mrs. Ocker was born in Switzerland and came to the United States with her parents when ten years of age. To Mr. and Mrs. Ocker three children have been born, namely: Earl J., who graduated from the Galion High School in the class of 1909, who is a pattern maker; Olive B. and Howard L. Mr. Ocker and family are members of the First Reformed church. In politics he is a Democrat and fraternally he is identified with Galion Lodge No. 15, Odd Fellows.

MRS. LIZZIE HIEBER, who resides on her well cultivated farm of 140 acres, situated in Liberty township, Crawford county, O., belongs to one of the old and substantial families of this section, the Scheibers, and is the widow of the late John G. Hieber, for many

years an esteemed and respected resident of this section.

John G. Hieber was born in Crawford county, O., April 8, 1867, and died on the present farm, May 19, 1903. He was a son of Christian and Christiana (Wagner) Hieber and was reared on his father's farm and obtained his education in the district schools. He was a man of industry and excellent business judgment and was very successful in his agricultural operations and wise in his investments. At the time of death he was able to leave a valuable farm and other property to his widow and three children. In his death the community lost a worthy citizen and his family a kind, loving and careful protector, and the Lutheran church a consistent member.

On Dec. 31, 1891, John G. Hieber was united in marriage with Miss Lizzie Schieber, who is a daughter of Jacob and Eva (Mauer) Schieber, and a granddaughter of Gottlieb and Magdalena Schieber. To Mr. and Mrs. Hieber the following children were born: Roy Ellis, who was educated in the Bucyrus High School and in an agricultural college, operates the home farm; Milo W., who is a student in the Bucyrus High School; Grace Elizabeth, who resides at home; and Mary E., who died at the age of 13 months. Mrs. Hieber and family are members of the Lutheran church.

ANDREW W. DENZER, who is a member of one of the old and substantial families of Tod township, Crawford county, O., lives on his well improved farm of 100 acres lying one and one-half miles northeast of Occola, O., was born in Bucyrus township, Crawford county, three and one-half miles from the city of Bucyrus, on July 8, 1853. His parents were Jacob and Matilda (McNeal) Denzer.

Jacob Denzer was born in Germany and was 13 years old when his parents brought him to the United States. For several years he lived at Tiffin, O., and then came to near Bucyrus and for several more years worked for farmers in that neighborhood. After his marriage he secured some land through his own labor and to the original purchase kept on adding, through his industry and prudence, until he owned 500 acres and at the time of

his death was one of the largest land owners in this section of the county. He lived to the age of 81 years and was widely known and much respected. His death occurred on the farm on which his son, Andrew W. was reared. He married Matilda McNeal, who was born in Pennsylvania, probably of Scotch parents, and was a child when she came to Ohio. Of the 13 children born to Jacob Denzer and his wife, ten are yet living.

Andrew W. Denzer went to the district schools in his boyhood and afterward gave his father assistance on the home farm in Bucyrus township. In 1882 he purchased the farm on which he has lived ever since. It is well cared for and finely improved and Mr. Denzer put up all the substantial buildings except the residence, which he remodeled and made entirely comfortable. The property is very valuable and Mr. Denzer is a thoroughgoing and successful farmer.

Mr. Denzer married Miss Mary Jane Shroll, who was born in Bucyrus township and is a daughter of Samuel Shroll, who was one of the early settlers here. Mr. and Mrs. Denzer have had seven children, as follows: Violet, who is the wife of William Flocken, and has two children—Corinne and Donald; Waldon, who is engaged in farming one mile west of his father, and who married Hazel Young and has one son, Sherman A.; Willis, who is his father's capable assistant; Della and Huldah; Ethel, who died at the age of eight years; and an infant, deceased. Mr. Denzer has always voted the Democratic ticket. On several occasions he has served in local offices with efficiency and has been school director and turnpike road commissioner.

LEWIS DAY PICKERING,* proprietor of one of the important and well established business houses of Bucyrus, O., dealing in a full line of agricultural implements and carriages and wagons, at No. 321 North Sandusky Avenue, is a native of Bucyrus, born here 36 years ago, and has been more or less directly connected with city interests all his life. His parents were William W. and Martha J. (Phelps) Pickering.

The father of Mr. Pickering was born in England and came to America when a young man, while the mother, born in Carroll county,

O., was of direct English ancestry. They came to Bucyrus after the birth of their eldest child and spent the rest of their lives here, the mother dying when aged 45 years and the father surviving her four years, passing away in 1882. They were members of the Lutheran church. The father owned farm land near Bucyrus but his main business was that of stock drover, in which he made many long trips over the mountains to eastern markets. There were ten children in the family, five sons and five daughters, and the following survive: Emma, who is the wife of John Dodge, of Haverhill, Mass., and has one son and two daughters; Joseph M., who is a farmer residing in Michigan; Grove L., who is a farmer in Henry county, O.; Edward C., who lives at New Comerstown, O., a machinist, who has wife and two daughters; Lewis Day, our subject; Lula A., twin sister of Lewis Day, who married Charles Young and lives at Winchester, Mass.; Mary, who is the wife of S. Larkins, and who resides at Alliance, O., and has one daughter. The names of those deceased were: Charles C., who died in 1910, at Chicago, and is survived by a widow and four children; Caroline, who died young; and Gertrude, who is survived by her husband, J. C. Brinkman.

Lewis Day Pickering was left an orphan when eight years old and motherless when only four years of age. He grew up partly on the farm and partly in the city and was educated here in the public schools. Since 1897 he has been proprietor of his present business, one that was established many years earlier by W. N. Koons, who was succeeded by J. M. Pickering, a brother to the present owner. Mr. Pickering has a first class establishment and while his stock is very large and complete in every line, he carries only the best goods. He takes pride in his business reputation for reliability and his methods have made him a popular merchant with the class from whom his patronage comes. Politically he is a Republican but is active in politics only to the extent of good citizenship. He is a member of the United Commercial Travellers' Association. Mr. Pickering is unmarried.

JOHN WESLEY KRAUTER, one of the representative men of Liberty township, Craw-

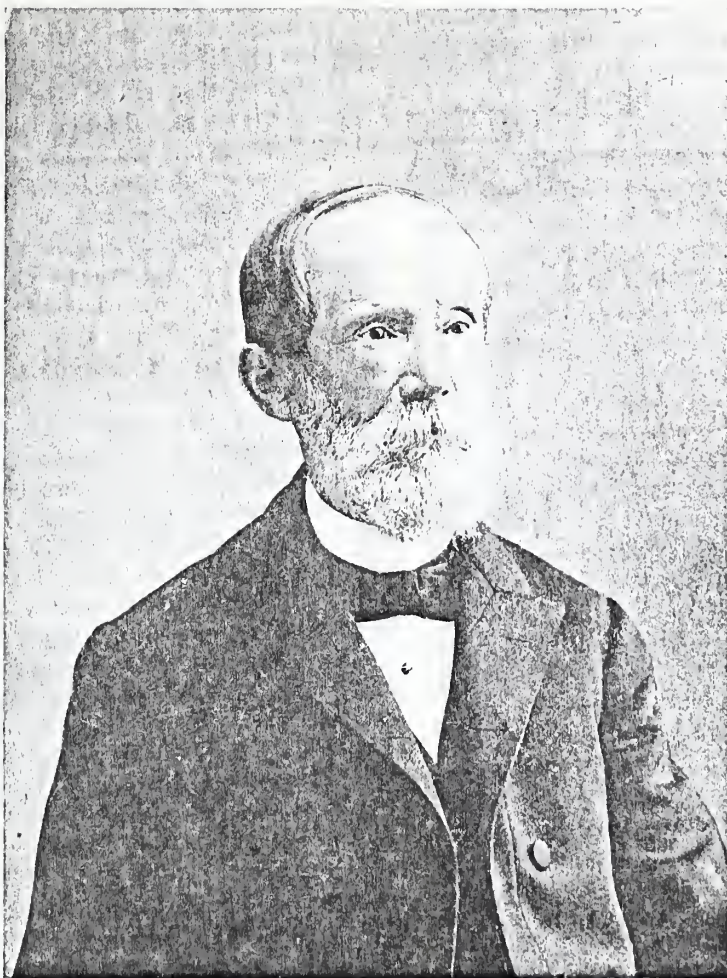
ford county, O., resides on his excellent farm of 80 acres, which he devotes to general agriculture. He was born in Liberty township, Dec. 14, 1871, and is a son of John C. and Catherine (Gebhardt) Krauter.

John C. Krauter was born in Germany and his parents were John and Catherine Krauter. For some years he has been a successful farmer and stock raiser in Holmes township, where he still resides. He is a Republican in politics and is well known over Crawford county. Mr. Krauter is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. He married Catherine Gebhardt, who was born in Ohio and died July 4, 1906, her burial being in beautiful Oakwood Cemetery at Bucyrus. To this marriage the following children were born: Susan, who is the wife of John K. Leimenstoll; Dora, who is the wife of Amos Lust; William E.; Lydia; Alma, who is the wife of Herman Portman; Caroline; Harry and John Wesley.

John Wesley Krauter attended the public schools and afterward assisted his father until his 25th year when he rented the homestead for a period of seven years and at the end of that time purchased his present farm. It is a fine property situated three-fourth miles east of the Columbus turnpike road and is still known as the old Gottlieb Krauter homestead. Mr. Krauter's activities include farming and stock raising and he is numbered with the prosperous agriculturists of this section.

Mr. Krauter was married to Miss Sarah Leimenstoll, who was born in Crawford county and is a daughter of the late Henry and Sophia Leimenstoll, former residents of Chatfield township, who lived and died there and were buried in the Lust Cemetery. They had the following children: Mary, who is deceased, was the wife of Henry Geissman; Christian; Sophia, who is the wife of Charles Geissman; John; Jacob; and Sarah, who is the wife of Mr. Kranter.

To Mr. and Mrs. Krauter three children have been born, namely: John Wesley Paul, Carl Edwin and Arthur Harvey, the last named dying in infancy. Mr. and Mrs. Krauter are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, and they take much interest in the work of the Sunday-school, Mr. Krauter serving as its superintendent for a number of



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years. In politics he is a Republican but he has never been willing to accept the responsibilities of office, with the exception of those of township trustee, in which position he is serving very acceptably to his fellow citizens.

GEORGE AURAND, one of the representative agriculturists of Tod township, Crawford county, O., who owns a fine farm of 165 acres, situated two miles north of Oceola, O., was born two miles southeast of Bucyrus, O., and has spent his life in his native state.

After his school period was over, George Aurand, in 1862, came to his present farm where he has remained until the present. He erected the comfortable residence here and made all the other improvements, having completed the clearing of the land. He operates all of his 165 acres with the exception of 25 acres, which he rents.

Mr. Aurand married Miss Amanda Mutchler and they have had seven children, namely: Georgia, deceased; Albert, who died young; Tillie, who is the wife of S. Heft and has two children—Russell and Laura; Stella, who is the wife of Albert Gingery and has four children—Nora, Willis, Carl and Dorsey; Ira B., who died when aged 18 years; Herbert L., who assists his father on the farm and who married Rosa Laipply, and has three children—Ethel, Wallace and George; and Esther, who is the wife of Virgil Starlin, their two children dying in infancy. Mr. Aurand is a Methodist in religious faith, Mrs. Aurand belonging to the U. B. church at Oceola. Mr. Aurand votes with the Republican party.

CHRISTIAN S. CRIM, deceased, for many years was a prominent business man of Galion and widely known in banking circles. He was one of the organizers of the First National Bank, its first president and was continued at the head of that institution for 37 years, its prosperity during this time having largely been due to his business sagacity and careful and conservative banking methods. He was born in Lancaster county, Pa., in 1820, and died at Galion in September, 1895. His parents were Jacob and Eliza (Smith) Crim, who lived and died in Pennsylvania, both being of German parentage.

In 1839 Christian S. Crim left his father's farm and the local school. He made his way

to Lancaster, O., and engaged in merchandising there, later at Johnsville, in Morrow county, and in 1851 reached Galion. Here, in 1854, with his brother, Levi S. Crim, he went into the dry goods business and remained a resident of Galion although his brother subsequently went to Bucyrus and later to Toledo. Christian S. Crim decided that Galion, even then, offered excellent business opportunities and he quietly kept seeking them and built up a large trade in dry goods. Later he built the first grain elevator here and became a factor in the grain trade and during the Civil War, in association with his brother, they handled thousands of bushels of grain and seed, including flax seed. They also dealt in wool and in horses for the Government. Mr. Crim was one of the organizers of the First National Bank of Monroeville. During his many years of active business he gained an enviable reputation, for, while he was credited with great shrewdness, he was known to be of unquestioned integrity. His judgment on all questions was so invariably correct that it was frequently sought and followed. He believed in political parties and was a strong Republican but business always interested him to such an extent that no time was left for acceptance of political positions.

Mr. Crim was married at Galion, O., to Miss Martha Rosianna Casner, who was born in 1841, in Juniata county, Pa., and was four years old when her parents, Thomas and Sarah (Steese) Casner, came to Galion. Later they moved to Missouri and Mr. Casner served in a Missouri regiment in the Federal Army until the close of the Civil War, several times being wounded and probably on this account his life did not extend much longer. His widow, the mother of Mrs. Crim, died in the same year, three sons and two daughters thus becoming orphans. Mrs. Crim and two brothers are the sole survivors. Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Crim: Olie, Ella, Charles and Henry. Mrs. Crim is an unusually capable business woman as well as one deeply interested in benevolent, philanthropic and educational movements. For eight years she was vice president of the First National Bank and since her husband's death has continued a member of the board of directors. She was the moving spirit in the organization of the Galion Public Library,

which was incorporated March 26, 1901. This community has much reason to be grateful to Mrs. Crim in this connection. She was a member and chairman of the library board and largely through her efforts it was made possible to accept Mr. Carnegie's gift of \$15,000 and in 1902 the beautiful and appropriate library building was completed. She was the organizer of the Current News Club, the first literary society in this city and has been its president. Her enthusiasm and helpfulness have been potent in the founding of other organization designed for a better social order and her charities have been generously bestowed but are never exploited.

CHARLES F. BONEBRAKE,* manufacturer of all kinds of cement supplies, doing an extensive business at Bucyrus, O., where he occupies the building at No. 210 Jones street, and who also takes contracts for stone work and sidewalk making and additionally has been in the plastering business for some ten years, is one of the busy and representative men of this city. He is a native of Bucyrus, born Nov. 24, 1880, and is a son of Samuel F. and Catherine (Schepp) Bonebrake.

Samuel F. Bonebrake was born in Pennsylvania and accompanied his parents to Crawford county during the Civil War. He followed the plasterer's trade all his active life and both he and wife still reside at Bucyrus. She was born in Ohio, of German extraction. They had two children: Nellie, who died at the age of 20 years, and Charles F.

Charles F. Bonebrake obtained his education in the common schools and the High School at Bucyrus, after which he worked with his father for a number of years before beginning business for himself. He has been in the cement business for 15 years and brought to this city the first cement block machine ever used in this section. Mr. Bonebrake has been sole proprietor of his business for two years and has been at his present excellent location for four years, where he has a plant fully equipped with modern machinery for his line of work. He turns out both plain and decorated cement blocks and has a large dryhouse which ensures the proper amount of drying that is necessary in

order to make his product perfect. His trade, as yet, is largely local but there is every reason to anticipate that it will not continue so, each year with its progressive developments opening up wider and wider fields for the use of cement, and Mr. Bonebrake possesses the enterprise to take advantage of every opportunity.

Mr. Bonebrake was married at Bucyrus, to Miss Ida Deppler, who was born in Ohio, Feb. 4, 1880, and was educated in her native state. Mr. and Mrs. Bonebrake have no children. They are members of the Presbyterian church. Politically he is a Democrat and fraternally he is identified with the Knights of Pythias, the Eagles and the National Union.

AARON NEFF, whose valuable farm of 113 acres lies in Liberty township, Crawford county, O., four miles northeast of Bucyrus, is a member of one of the old county families and was born in Holmes township, Feb. 21, 1873, a son of Joseph and Sophia (Yeiter) Neff.

Joseph Neff was born in Pennsylvania and came to Crawford county, O., when about 25 years old, ever afterward residing here and becoming a successful farmer and respected citizen. He was married in early manhood to Sophia Yeiter, who was born in Liberty township, Crawford county, and the following children were born to them: Emanuel, who resides in Sandusky township, and who married Sarah Krauter and has one daughter, Elsie; Lizzie, who is the wife of Joseph Durr and lives in Liberty township; Amos, a twin of our subject, who is a resident of Bucyrus, and who married Anna Sheiber; Jacob, a farmer in Liberty township, who married Ella, daughter of Jacob Sheiber; Mary, who is the wife of Abraham Sheiber and resides at Bucyrus; Tillie, who is deceased; Emma, who is the wife of Albert Sheiber and lives in Holmes township; Joseph, a farmer in Holmes township, who married Myrtle Sheiber; and Aaron, the subject of this article.

Aaron Neff obtained his education in the schools of Holmes township and with the exception of one year spent in the West, has always lived in Crawford county. On his well improved farm in Liberty township he car-

ries on general farming and raises some excellent stock and in the management of his different industries finds enough work to make him a very busy man.

On Feb. 11, 1904, Mr. Neff was married to Miss Cora Orewiler, who is a daughter of Jacob and Jennie (Steen) Orewiler, and they have two children, son and daughter; Carol Irene and Forest A. Mrs. Neff has one brother, Harry N. Orewiler, who is a resident of Bucyrus. In politics Mr. Neff is a Republican. He is a wide awake, intelligent citizen and keeps thoroughly posted on public affairs and well informed concerning agricultural matters.

H. A. LEA, who is a leading and substantial citizen of Tod township, Crawford county, O., and a member of one of the oldest county families, resides on his well improved farm of 80 acres, and, with his son, Don Lea, owns and operates an additional 100 acres, the first farm being situated one mile west of Lemert, O., and the second farm north of the town. Mr. Lea was born on the old homestead in Tod township, in 1848, and is a son of Thomas and Polly (Miller) Lea and a grandson of Zacheus Lea.

Zacheus Lea was born in the Isle of Wight, England, and was 20 years old when he came to the United States and took up his residence near Jersey Shore, Pa., where he became a farmer and large land owner. He married a member of one of the neighboring German families and about 1832 they came to Crawford county, O., where he purchased a farm for each of his children. He lived to the age of 79 years.

Thomas Lea was born in Lycoming county, Pa., and came with his parents to Crawford county. He cleared and improved the farm in Tod township that his father gave him and continued to reside here until the close of his life, dying at the age of 62 years. He married Polly Miller, who was born in Union county, Pa., and was ten years old when her parents came to Crawford county and her death occurred on the homestead, in her 51st year. They had ten children, as follows: Mrs. Sarah A. Armstrong; Mrs. Amanda Pease Cook, who is deceased; Jane, who died in 1869; H. A., our subject; Isaac, a resident

of Occola, who is pastor of the United Brethren church; James, who died in 1910, who was a physician and for 27 years a minister in the Methodist Episcopal church; Mrs. Martha Cook, who died in 1879; Adella, who died in 1887; Mrs. Carrie Coon, who is deceased; and Lucy, who died in infancy.

H. A. Lea attended school at Lemert and at Heidelberg College and prepared himself to teach school and for the greater part of 15 years was engaged in educational work, mainly in this section but also teaching for a few terms in three different states. From 1878 until 1903 he lived on his present place and then moved to Fostoria in order to give his children the best of educational advantages and remained in that city for seven years. Afterward he resided for two years at Sycamore and then returned to the home farm and in association with his son general farming and stock-raising is carried on by them on both farms.

Mr. Lea was married to Miss Josephine Eyestone, who is a daughter of George Eyestone, who was a pioneer in Wyandot county, O., and they have two children: Don and Clara, the former of whom is in business with his father as indicated above, and the latter, who is a graduate of the Fostoria High school, resides with her parents. Don Lea married Miss Cora Markley and they have children: Jessie, Josephine, Arlene, Dorothy and Hattie. In politics Mr. Lea prefers to be independent. Being an educated and well informed man, he feels that he can take a broad-minded view of policies, principles and platforms for himself and therefor casts his vote as his own judgment suggests. He has served on the school board and for ten years did serve as township trustee.

GEORGE M. MARQUART, who carries on farming and stock raising in section 1, Cranberry township, Crawford county, O., where he owns 149 acres of fine land, situated one and three-fourth miles north of New Washington, O., was born and has always lived on this farm.

Mr. Marquart obtained a good, common school education and ever since has devoted himself closely to his farm and stock interests, succeeding his father, Michael Marquart,

on the place. He has done a large amount of improving and has a set of substantial buildings and much of his land is tilled. All is cultivated with the exception of 22 acres which are still in timber. Mr. Marquart grows grain, cattle, sheep and hogs, raising and feeding many of the latter.

Mr. Marquart married Miss Caroline A. Leonhart, a daughter of John Leonhart, and they have six children, all of whom were born on this farm. The three older ones, Estella O., Edna M., and Lester G., are attending school and are making rapid progress, while the three younger ones, Iona May, Ralph E. and Lloyd C., remain at home. Mr. Marquart and family are members of the Lutheran church and he assisted in the building of the present church edifice. He has always given his political support to the Democratic party, and has taken a good citizen's interest in all local matters.

JEROME BLAND, M. D., a well known and highly respected resident of Bucyrus, O., who is now living retired from the active practice of his profession, was born on a farm in Muskingum county, O., July 22, 1840. He was the eldest of the family of ten children—three daughters and seven sons—of Ebenezer and Harriet (Lane) Bland. At an early day the Blands were prominent and representative people in the states of Virginia, Kentucky and Missouri, a conspicuous figure in the last named state being Congressman "Silver Dick" Bland.

John Bland, the paternal grandfather of our subject, was a native Virginian and of Virginian parentage. He came from his native state to Ohio as early as 1798, settling in Muskingum county, and the land which he obtained by patent from the general government is still in possession of his descendants, who are numerous in that county. The maiden name of his wife is not now recalled. They established a good homestead and both died at an advanced age.

Ebenezer Bland, the Doctor's father, was born in Muskingum county, O., in 1811, and died on his substantial farm in Muskingum county in 1888. His wife, Mrs. Harriet Lane Bland, was a native of Maryland.

Jerome Bland, our direct subject, spent the

first 23 years of his life on the farm, where he learned most useful lessons of industry and perseverance, which have been characteristic of his entire career. At the age of 19 he began teaching in the country schools, and, in all, he taught nine winter terms. In 1862 he became a student in Denison College at Granville, O., where he remained until 1864, after which date he taught several terms of school. In 1864 he began the study of medicine under the preceptorship of Dr. Joseph McCann, of Irville, O. Later he attended one term of lectures in Starling Medical College, of Columbus, O. He then began the practice of his profession at Hanover, this state, where he remained two years. He then reentered Starling Medical College, where he graduated in 1869.

Settling in Crawford county, he located at Benton, now Poplar, where he was engaged in a most active and lucrative practice for 14 years, being "on the go" almost day and night. No other physician of the county even had a larger, if as large a country practice as had Dr. Bland while he was located at Benton. From that place he came to Bucyrus in 1883, from which time until 1905, the year of his retirement, he was numbered among the most active and successful physicians and surgeons of the city. He gave up his practice only on account of extreme ill health, which unfitted him for the arduous labors of his profession, with its urgent calls at all hours of the day and night. As an item of family history, it may be mentioned that Dr. Bland had two brothers, Charles and John Bland, who studied medicine under him. Both entered medical college and died of consumption during the last year of their studies in college, and both at the age of 28, though their deaths occurred some eight years apart. A third brother of the Doctor's also died of consumption, though his other brothers and himself were large and robust men.

In politics Dr. Bland is a Democrat. He served five years as county coroner and was a member of the Pension Board of Examiners under the second administration of Grover Cleveland. He has important business interests, being proprietor of Knisely Springs stock farm, owning and breeding high-bred horses. On his farm are also valuable mineral springs.

the water from which is bottled for public consumption by the Knisely Mineral Springs Bottling Works. The Doctor is a member of the County, State and National medical associations.

Dr. Bland stands high in the Masonic order. Besides holding membership not only in the Blue Lodge, Chapter, Council and Commandery, but also in the Mystic Shrine, Scottish Rite (Al Koran Temple), at Cleveland. He was a charter member and one of the organizers of the Elk lodge in Bucyrus and was voted a life member of that organization on Dec. 23, 1909.

Dr. Bland was married in 1867 to Miss Lucy Coon, who was born in Hanover, Licking county, O., Aug. 8, 1849, and who was there reared and educated. Her parents were Israel and Maria (Edwards) Coon, both natives of Ohio, the father being of Pennsylvania parentage and the mother of Welsh ancestry. Mr. Coon was for many years proprietor of a hotel in Hanover, O., in which place he and his wife were married, and where he died at the age of 59 years. His wife had preceded him to the grave a few years previously leaving two children, one of whom, Israel, Jr., died when 16 years of age. The other, Mrs. Bland, still survives. She is a member of the M. E. church and is active in its good work.

Dr. and Mrs. Bland have been the parents of four children—Harriet Belle, Ebenezer, Charles, who died in infancy, and Alice Barbara, whose further record is briefly as follows: Harriet Belle was born in Benton, O., June 21, 1870. She was educated in the Bucyrus High School and was married in this city in 1893 to A. J. Yawger, who was born in Elmira, N. Y., of good parentage, May 26, 1866. He graduated from Cornell University with the degree of C. E. and later became a contractor on railroad and municipal engineering work in various parts of the United States, but his headquarters for some time have been at Indianapolis, Ind. He is a Mason. Mrs. Yawger is a member of the Methodist church. She is a lady of culture and refinement and of strong filial affection and resides with her parents in Bucyrus. She has no children.

Ebenezer, the Doctor's second child, was a

well educated young man. On the breaking out of the War with Spain, he joined Company A, Eighth Regiment O. V. I., as a private and accompanied his regiment to Cuba, where he died from cholera, July 11, 1898, when within a few days of being 24 years of age. He is buried in Arlington Cemetery, at Washington, D. C.

Alice Barbara Bland was born in Benton, O., Dec. 14, 1882. She graduated from Bucyrus High School and has since remained at home with her parents, to whom she is much attached. She is unmarried. She, like her married sister, is a member of the Methodist church.

HON. J. R. MILLER, mayor of New Washington, O., and president of the Miller Merchandise Company, of this city, is a representative citizen of Crawford county and practically all his life has been identified with many of her important interests. He was born at New Washington, Jan. 19, 1861.

Mr. Miller attended school at New Washington and afterward took a Spencerian Commercial course at Cleveland, O., and then went into the grocery business under the firm style of J. R. & G. Miller. In 1890 G. Miller retired and a general store was opened, Mr. Miller admitting A. P. Miller and the business was continued under the name of J. R. & A. P. Miller until April 9, 1906. Mr. Miller then opened his present store, under the style of the Miller Merchandise Company, which is one of the largest and most complete department stores in this part of Ohio, the spacious building being three stories high, including basement and covering an acre of ground. It is one of the largest business enterprises at New Washington. J. R. Miller is president of the company; A. O. Miller is vice president; and Mrs. A. O. Miller is secretary. In addition to the officers there are three other directors: J. W. Kibler, Dr. C. E. Kimerline and Frank Derr. The first officers and directors were: J. R. Miller, president and manager; A. P. Miller, vice president; F. J. Miller, treasurer; C. A. Miller, secretary, and Jacob Uhl, J. W. Kibler and A. O. Miller, directors. The officers and directors are elected annually. J. R. Miller is additionally interested in the Toledo Life Insurance Company.

He is a member of the Knights of Columbus and was reared in the Roman Catholic church.

Mayor Miller was married to Miss Anna E. Uhl, who is a daughter of Jacob and Maggie Uhl, old residents of New Washington. In politics Mr. Miller has been a zealous Democrat all his mature life and has held many offices of responsibility and for the past three years has been mayor of New Washington and has given the city a business administration that has been very popular and decidedly beneficial.

JACOB F. GUINTHER,* a representative farmer, who owns and operates 143 acres of land, 53 of which are located in Marion county and the balance in Crawford county, was born on the homestead farm on which he still lives, March 20, 1864. His parents were Jacob and Catherine (Shalenmiller) Guinther, the former of whom was born in Wurttemberg, Germany, and the latter in Lycoming county, Pa. Both are now deceased and are buried in Sherer cemetery.

Jacob Guinther was a farmer during the time he spent in this country. He was a Democrat in politics and attended the German Reformed church. He and his wife were the parents of the following children: Mary, the wife of George K. Ulmer; John George; Sophia, deceased; Catherine, wife of Samuel Rexroth; Isaac C.; Charlotte, wife of S. J. Stump; and Jacob F., the subject of this article, who was the youngest born.

Jacob F. Guinther received a common school education and then went to work on the farm where he has spent his entire life. His father died when he was 20 years of age. After the death of his parents, he bought the farm from the other heirs and here he carries on general farming.

On Dec. 5, 1889, Mr. Guinther married Jennie Nungesser, a daughter of Christian and Elizabeth (Helfrich) Nungesser. Her father was born in Germany where he learned the shoemaker's trade. Upon coming to the United States he located first in Cincinnati, but later moved to New Winchester, Crawford county, and purchased a farm of 131 acres in Whetstone township, which he still owns. He and his wife live retired at Gallion. They belong to the German Lutheran church.

Their children, besides Mrs. Guinther, are as follows: Delilah (Mrs. Isaac A. Cook); Margaret, widow of H. P. Rexroth; and Melancthon G.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob F. Guinther have had the following children: Edith Catherine, Ruth E., Laura M., and Clara M.

Mr. Guinther has served as township assessor for two years and township trustee for six years. They attend St. John's Reformed church.

LINCOLN HOOVER, who is one of the substantial citizens and prosperous farmers of Vernon township, Crawford county, O., successfully carries on general farming and stock raising on his improved tract of 60 acres, which lies six miles northwest of Crestline, O. He was born in Crawford county in 1864, and is a son of Gideon and Nancy (Teeter) Hoover.

Both the Hoovers and Teeters came originally from Germany and many of the name can be found in different sections of the United States. Gideon Hoover was born in Maryland and his wife in Richland county, O., the Teeters having come to Ohio from Pennsylvania. To Gideon Hoover and wife ten children were born: John, Moses, Lavina, Aaron, Amos, Alice, Lincoln, Frank, Henry and Lotta, and of the above, Moses, Aaron and Amos, are all deceased. John married Amanda Buck and they live in Vernon township and have five children: Wilson, Ladena, Silas B., Anna and Fern. Lavina married John Parr and they live in Sandusky township and have six children: Calvin, Nancy, Gideon, Amanda, Bertha and Lotta. Alice married Quinn Dewalt and they live in Crawford county and have four children: Stella, Clark, Nancy and Mary. Frank, who married Nellie Dewalt, lives in Sandusky township and has four children: Vance, Lorin, Mary and Amos. Henry lives in Richland county and has two children: Nancy and Frank. Nancy, the wife of Gideon Hoover died Jan. 4, 1900. They were both well known people, members of the United Brethren church.

Lincoln Hoover obtained a district school education and continued on the home farm with his father until he was 27 years of age

and then bought his first farm but sold it after operating it for a time and then purchased his present more desirable one. Here he has everything convenient and in good shape, his improvements including the erection of substantial buildings and keeping them in order, and investing in good stock and improved farm machinery. His time and attention are mainly devoted to his agricultural operations and he is numbered with the most successful men in this line in this section.

Mr. Hoover was married to Miss Minnie Bilsing, a daughter of Adam and Lavina (Swisher) Bilsing. The parents of Mrs. Bilsing had the following children: John H., who lives in Kansas; Barnett, who lives near Crestline, O.; Albert, who lives in Vernon township; a son that died in infancy; Mollie and Anna, both of whom are deceased; Eliza, who lives in Washington; Flora, deceased, who married Prof. Frank Brining, a college professor in India; and Minnie. Mr. and Mrs. Hoover have three children: Bessie, Adam and Ivan. Bessie is the wife of George Wert, and they reside in Crawford county. Mr. Hoover and family are members of the United Brethren church, of which he is a trustee and which he is serving as treasurer. Politically he is a Republican but has never cared for public office, serving, however, at one time, as township constable.

MRS. CATHERINE GANGLUFF, who for 45 years has resided on her valuable farm of 61 acres, which is situated in section 11, Cranberry township, Crawford county, O., one and one-fourth miles west of New Washington, O., is well known all through this section and is held in high regard. She was born in Seneca county, O., Nov. 17, 1847, and is a daughter of Frederick and Barbara (Deisler) Flexer, and the widow of Henry Gangluff.

The parents of Mrs. Gangluff were born in Germany but they were married after coming to America. They settled in Seneca county, O., where the father engaged in farming and died there in his 60th year. The mother survived to be 74 years of age. They were good, virtuous, industrious and kind-hearted people and were respected by all who knew them. Of their family of five sons and three daughters there are but two survivors: Mrs. Gang-

luff and Mrs. Christine Blinn. The latter was born in Seneca county and when she reached womanhood married Charles Blinn and they reside in Lykens township, Crawford county. Mr. and Mrs. Blinn have had five children: Nora, who has lived with her aunt, Mrs. Gangluff, since she was eight years of age; Pearl, who is the wife of Frank Shiefer, residing in Cranberry township; and Bertha, Harvey and Alvin, all living at home.

In girlhood Mrs. Gangluff attended school with her sisters and brothers and was reared to womanhood by a careful and loving mother.

In April, 1867, she was married to Henry Gangluff, who was born on the farm she now owns and occupies, a son of Philip and Annie (Reel) Gangluff, who came from Germany and settled here at an early day. Henry Gangluff grew up on his father's farm and became a good judge of stock and a very capable farmer and also engaged in threshing during the season, until he met with an accident that fractured his thigh and that more or less crippled him until the close of his life. After marriage the old log house on the home farm was utilized and is still standing, but afterward Mr. Gangluff erected the present comfortable farmhouse. Here his death occurred when he was aged 71 years, in September, 1908, and his burial was in the Lutheran cemetery at New Washington, he having been a member of the Lutheran church since youth. He was a Democrat in his political opinions and supported Democratic candidates, but he was never willing to accept any office for himself although he was a man gifted with many of the qualities which are needed in public officials. To Mr. and Mrs. Gangluff the following children were born: George, who lives near Attica, O., and married Rosa Schimpf; John, who assists his mother in managing the home farm; William, who lives in Chatfield township, and who married Emmeline Leonhart; Christine, who is the wife of William Shoup, and resides at New Washington; and Lewis and Charles, who remain on the home place with their mother. The family belongs to the Lutheran church.

WILLIAM C. SEELE, a prominent citizen of Holmes township, Crawford county, O., residing on his finely improved farm of 108

acres, which lies just south of Brokensword, O., was born on this farm Aug. 6, 1863, and is a son of Emil and Catherine (Spade) Seele.

Emil Seele was born in Germany, came to America when a boy of 16 years and died in Ohio in 1896, in his 73d year. For a number of years he followed shoemaking together with farming in Holmes township, Crawford county, and erected the present comfortable farm-house on this place. He was a highly respected man and reared a creditable family. He married Catherine Spade, who was born in Pennsylvania and the following children were born to them: Mrs. Malinda Gerstenberger, Edward, Mrs. Matilda Ditty, Delma, Albert J., Mrs. Celesta Smith, William C. and Charles W., all of whom survive.

William C. Seele was educated in the country schools and at Ada and New Washington, O., and afterward taught school for 12 terms and during six summers engaged in the ice business at Cleveland. After retiring from the educational field he turned his attention to farming and stock raising, following these industries along modern lines and meeting with excellent results. He has been a leading factor in Democratic politics for many years in Holmes township and has served with the greatest efficiency in numerous important public positions, for four and one-half years being township clerk, for four years township treasurer, for 15 years a member of the school board and for nine years a member of the turnpike road commission.

Mr. Seele married Miss Metta Margraff, a daughter of Charles Margraff, who resides just east of Mr. and Mrs. Seele. Mr. Seele is a valued member of the Grange at Bucyrus and is identified fraternally with the Foresters and the knights of Maccabee.

FRANK H. SPILLETTE, who is one of the representative business men of New Washington, O., the junior member of a company that owns and operates three elevators, was born in Auburn township, Crawford county, O., Oct. 1, 1875, and is a son of James and Lucinda (Glosser) Spillette, old residents of that township.

Frank H. Spillette attended school at New Washington and for eleven years taught school in Auburn and Cranberry townships.

Later he went into the elevator business, handling coal, flour, feed, seed and building material in connection, starting first at North Auburn, later becoming interested on the Northern Ohio Railroad and later at the present elevator where he has his office just across the track from the passenger depot of the Pennsylvania Railroad. He has other business interests, being a stockholder in the Toledo Life Insurance Company; in the Underwriters Security Company; in the Cranberry Nursery Company at New Washington, and in the local telephone company. He is a wide awake business man and is well known all through the county, his business partner being Jacob Gottfried.

Mr. Spillette was married to Miss Laura Hoak, a daughter of Samuel and Amanda Hoak, the latter of whom died in Auburn township. Mr. and Mrs. Spillette have one son, Gordon. In politics Mr. Spillette is a Republican but somewhat independent in his views, but is no seeker for office.

GEORGE W. HARRIS, an honored citizen of Bucyrus, O., has been engaged in the produce business since 1875. For the past seven years he has been commander of Keller Post, No. 128, G. A. R., of this city, being a veteran of the great Civil War. He was born Nov. 25, 1847, at what is now Waterville, O., and is a son of William Henry and Sarah E. (Hickox) Harris.

William Henry Harris was born in 1812, at Hoosick Falls, N. Y., a son of Asa Harris, who was born in 1780, in the north of Ireland. The latter was of Scotch-Irish ancestry and came to America in early manhood and settled in New Hampshire. He was one of the early Baptists of that section and was a man of good report. It was known that he had five sons and possibly there were daughters. William Henry Harris grew to manhood in New York State and learned the trade of wagonmaker at St. Johnsbury, Vt., from which place he moved to Ohio in 1833, and at Loudonville, in Ashland county, established the first wagonmaking shop in that section. He was married there to Sarah E. Hickox, who was born at Cuyahoga Falls, O., in 1822, of an old pioneer family. They lived in that village until after the birth of their first daughter.

ter, and then moved to Wauseon, Fulton county, O., and lived there until 1857. Mr. Harris then removed with his family to Mansfield, O., where he established himself at his trade and worked at the same until after the close of the Civil War. He then spent ten years at North Fairfield, O., after which the family moved to Kansas, settling at Chapman, and there Mr. Harris spent the remainder of his life, his death occurring in 1898, at the age of 86 years. In principle he was opposed to human slavery and was a great admirer of Abraham Lincoln. He was a man of exemplary life and a firm believer in the Baptist faith. His widow survived until 1902, her death occurring at Topeka, Kan. They were parents of five sons and two daughters and the following survive: Emma, born in Ashland county, O., who is the widow of William Johns and is a resident of Newark, N. J., having a son and daughter; George W., subject of this record; William H., who is a coal merchant and owner of a wheat elevator at Russell, Kan., and who resides there with his family; Grace, who is the wife of Charles Schwartz, a prominent attorney of Bellingham, Wash., and has three children; Henry Franklin, a prominent citizen of Mansfield, O., who formerly resided at Bucyrus; and Joseph Asa, who is in business at Newark, N. J., and has three children. One son, Charles, died at the age of five years.

George W. Harris was nine years old when he went to live with his grandparents and later accompanied them to Mansfield. Those were days of great public unrest and the gravity of the danger threatening the country was not only recognized by men of years and discretion, but also by the young, a great wave of patriotism sweeping over the country resulting in the enlistment of thousands to suppress rebellion. That so youthful a candidate for enlistment as was George W. Harris at that time, should have been accepted as a member of Co. I, 32nd O. Vol. Inf., may be explained by the fact that he had the health and manly bearing of a much older youth, but the fact remains that when he was enlisted on Aug. 8, 1861, he was aged just 13 years, 8 months and 11 days. His officers were Capt. J. Dyer and Col. Thomas H. Ford. This regiment was ordered to the front and on Oct. 4, 1861, Mr.

Harris participated in the battle of Greenbrier, Va., and was honorably discharged Dec. 10, 1861. He returned to Ohio and attended school during the succeeding winter, but in the spring determined to reenter the army and on March 6, 1862, reenlisted, entering Co. B, 61st O. Vol. Inf., his commanding officers being Capt. P. J. Duffy and Col. Stephen J. McGroaty. This regiment was attached to the eastern army until after the battle of Gettysburg, when it was transferred to Sherman's western army, and took a prominent part in its military movements. On the first day of the fateful battle of Gettysburg, Mr. Harris, who had been made a corporal and color guard, was captured by the enemy and for five months afterward was a prisoner at Libby prison and Belle Isle. He was young, ingenious and resourceful and as he had nothing to occupy his mind during the terrible days and still more terrible nights than a hope of escape, he finally formed a plan that succeeded and through a mistake of his guards succeeded also in being paroled in December, 1863. In May, 1864, he rejoined his company at Chattanooga, Tenn., and continued throughout the whole campaign, which ended with Sherman's march to the sea. He saw much hard fighting and on more than one occasion proved himself a brave and ready man and at Kenesaw Mountain, by ruse, aided by darkness, captured single handed, three Confederate soldiers. When he was honorably discharged, March 31, 1865, he had served three years and five months and was then not yet 18 years of age. Although years of peaceful pursuits followed he never lost interest in military affairs and still retains something of the appearance of a military man. From the first he has been interested in the Grand Army movement and has been identified with Keller Post, No. 128, ever since its organization, has served in various capacities in this body and, as noted above, has frequently been honored by election to the position of post commander.

After his return from the army, Mr. Harris embarked in the produce business at Shiloh, O., in the employ of C. W. Wakefield, where he continued until 1875, when he came to Bucyrus and here established his own produce business, which he has conducted since. Politically he is a Republican but he has never been

much active in public matters, devoting his time and attention closely to the successful advancement of his private affairs.

Mr. Harris was married at Shiloh, O., to Miss Isabel R. Crawford, who was born in Richland county, in 1853, a member of one of the old and honorable families of that section. Her grandfather, John Crawford, was 11 years old when he accompanied his parents from Ireland to Cumberland county, Pa., where he married a Miss Eckles and they came to Richland county, O. James Crawford, father of Mrs. Harris, was born in Pennsylvania in 1817 and died in Richland county, from the effects of an accident, March 3, 1853. He was married first to Lydia Guthrie, who, at death, left two sons. His second marriage was to Eleanor J. Torbett, who was born in Pennsylvania, married in Huron county, O., and died at Shiloh, O., in 1900, aged 81 years. Of their five children Mrs. Harris is the only survivor. She is a lady well known in social life and is connected with numberless benevolent activities and is prominent in many uplifting organizations, religious, charitable and literary. She is an active member of the missionary societies of the Lutheran church, was one of the organizers and for a number of years president of the North Side Reading Club, is a charter member of the Woman's Relief Corps, No. 225, of which she was the first president, was one of the organizers of the Library Association, holding the office of president for four years prior to January, 1906, when the city took over the organization's interests as a part of the city library, and is also a member of the Bucyrus Hospital Association, a member of the board of lady managers of the Bucyrus City Hospital and a member of the juvenile and Correction Visiting Committee of the county.

To Mr. and Mrs. Harris four children were born, the three survivors being: Fred C., who is identified with the Standard Oil company, and lives at Gore, O.; Judson Gaylor, who is manager of the American District Telegraph and Messenger company, and resides at Newark, N. J.; and Warren Dean, who is engaged in the commission produce business at Toledo, and makes his home at Bucyrus and has a family. Guarda A., the third member of the family, who was born Oct. 30, 1878, died in

1889. Formerly Mr. Harris was very active in the leading fraternal organizations of the country, being past noble grand in the order of Odd Fellows and past chancellor commander in the Knights of Pythias. He still retains active membership in the Union Veteran Legion and the United Commercial Travelers, being chairman of the Executive Committee of the latter council.

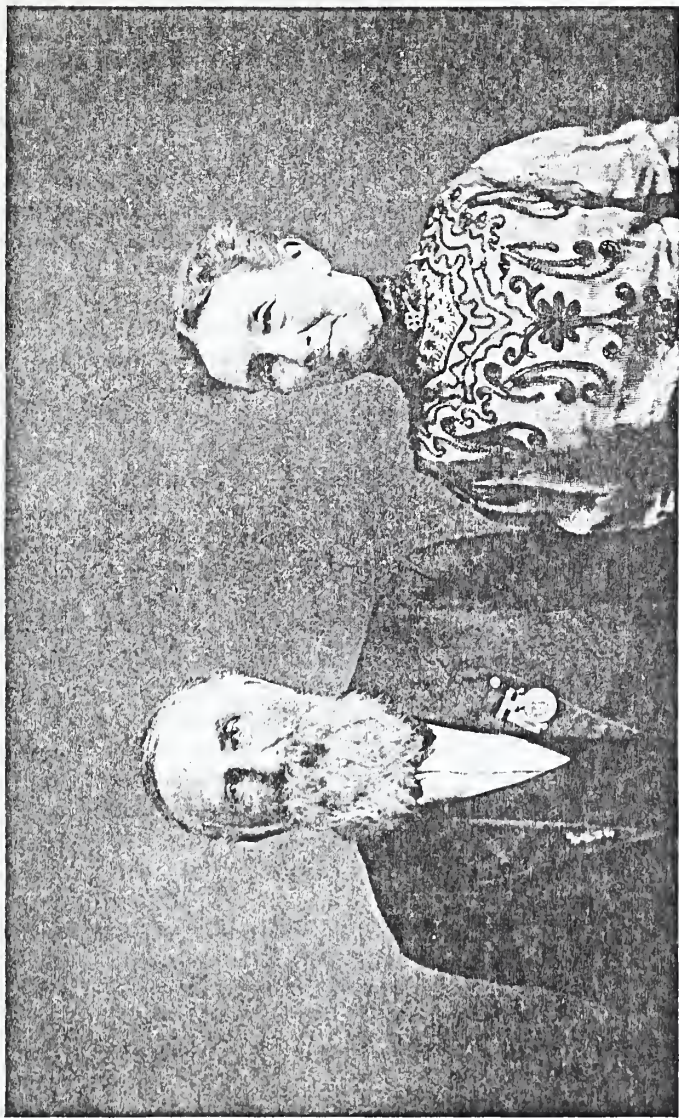
CHARLES A. MANN,* who owns 22 acres of finely cultivated land, situated in the northeastern corner of Cranberry township, Crawford county, O., in section one, was born at Tiffin, in Seneca county, O., Nov. 2, 1884, and is a son of August and Maggie (Hepp) Mann.

August Mann was born in Germany and came to America in early manhood, locating in Seneca county, O. He was a shoemaker by trade and for 14 years has been a shoe merchant at Attica, O. He was married at New Riegel, O., to Maggie Hepp and ten children were born to them, two of whom reside in Cranberry township, Charles A. and a sister, Rose, who is the wife of Henry Alt, who operates the George Uhl farm. Mr. and Mrs. Mann are members of the Catholic church.

Charles A. Mann attended school in Seneca county and for six years afterward was engaged there in farm work and for four years more followed farming in Huron county. On Jan. 9, 1900, he came to Crawford county and settled on a 60-acre farm south of his present one, and one year later purchased the farm on which he lives, from John Forquer. Mr. Mann has taken a great deal of interest in his property, making many improvements and in 1910 erecting his comfortable residence and remodeling the other farm buildings.

Mr. Mann married Miss Rose Phiefer, who was born in southern Cranberry township, a daughter of Joseph Phiefer, and they have one son, Frederick Floran, who is a bright student in the public schools. Mr. Mann and family are members of St. Mary's Catholic church. Like his father he is a Democrat in politics. Mr. and Mrs. Mann are well known and highly respected in Cranberry township.

FRANKLIN P. DICK, ex-president of the board of county commissioners of Crawford



MR. AND MRS. MOSES PUGH

county, O., is one of the leading citizens of Dallas township, where he owns a finely improved farm of 100 acres. He was born Nov. 18, 1855, in Cass township, Richland county, O., and is a son of Jacob and Ann (Bushey) Dick, and a grandson of George Dick, who settled in Richland county in 1832.

The parents of Mr. Dick are long since deceased, the mother dying early, on the old farm in Richland county, and the father, when in middle life, in Hancock county. The father's death took place in February, 1870. Franklin P. Dick was only seven years old when he lost his mother and was 14 when he left home to take care of himself. He had secured a country school education and was a youth of ambition and of steady habits, and for the next 13 years found a happy home with his uncle, Levi Dick, who was a substantial farmer in Richland county. After his marriage, in 1882, he rented farm land in Dallas township for some ten years and then purchased his present farm, which was undoubtedly fine land but was much in need of improving. Practical in his ideas he soon made all needed improvements, thereby doubling the value of his property, and ever since has devoted himself to general farming and stock raising. He is one of the prominent Democrats of Crawford county and frequently has been tendered public office. He was first elected a member of the board of county commissioners in 1905, with a majority of 2,500 votes and was later reelected, and during his second term was made president of the board. In this position he had many duties, all of which were carefully attended to, Crawford county finding in him an energetic and honest official.

Mr. Dick was married in 1882 to Miss Lavina Noecker, a daughter of Benjamin and Lavina (Van Horn) Noecker, early settlers in Richland county. They have an interesting family and all are members of the United Brethren church.

The children are: J. J., May, Alwilda and Ruth.

MOSES PUGH, who carries on general farming and moderate stock raising on his valuable tract of 74 acres, situated in section 1, Cranberry township, Crawford county, O., was born in Lykens township, Crawford

county, April 6, 1843, and is one of the justly honored veterans of the great Civil War. His parents were Aaron and Mary (Jackson) Pugh.

Aaron Pugh was born in Virginia, 50 miles from Wheeling, where he grew to manhood and then came to Crawford county, O., and here purchased 40 acres of land in Lykens township, on which he erected a log cabin. When he had provided this home he returned to Virginia and was there married to Mary Jackson, and then returned to Lykens township and in the following year his father-in-law, William Jackson, came also to this section. That farm continued to be the old homestead until 1863, when Aaron Pugh moved to Cranberry township and bought land in the northeastern part and at one time owned 500 acres here and in Huron county. Later he divided his land among his children and bought property at New Washington, to which he retired and died there when aged 77 years. Notwithstanding his southern birth and parentage, he was deeply opposed to human slavery and early in the Civil War used his influence to exterminate such traitorous organizations as the Knights of the Golden Circle. He became a man of consequence in Lykens township and served as township trustee and he and wife were active members and liberal supporters of the Baptist church. She died at the age of 68 years. They had eight children, as follows: Elizabeth, who resides at New Washington, Crawford county, who is the widow of Wesley King; William, who died in Huron county, when aged 36 years; Moses; James, who lived but two years; Anlason and Anson, twins, the latter of whom lives in Plymouth, O., and the former in Putnam county, O.; Alfred B., who lives at Chicago Junction, O.; and John, who lives in Deshler, O.

Moses Pugh attended the district schools near his father's farm in Lykens township and then assisted at home until he was 17 years and six months of age. The Civil War was then in progress and although so young he determined to enter the Federal Army and enlisted in Company H, 55th O. Vol. Inf., in which he served two years and three months. He then reenlisted and served until the close of the Rebellion and was hon-

orably discharged. Although he was injured at Stephenson, Ala., in the right leg and afterward was twice slightly wounded, he accompanied his company and regiment into every engagement while in the service. The injury to his leg proved a serious matter and continued to trouble him for many years and finally Mr. Pugh had to submit to amputation on Feb. 20, 1893. This was a heavy price to pay for patriotism, but Mr. Pugh complains little of it but has much to say of his long march under Sherman to the sea. The hero element is yet found in the ranks of the veterans of every G. A. R. Post, and Mr. Pugh is a valued member of this organization.

After his discharge from the army, on Aug. 20, 1865, Mr. Pugh returned to Crawford county and on July 26, 1866, was married to Miss Martha Johnston, a daughter of Jacob and Mary (Reed) Johnston. The father of Mrs. Pugh was born in Pennsylvania and the mother, a daughter of Daniel and Mary Reed, was born near Canton, O. They married in Crawford county where they lived ever afterward, the mother dying in Cranberry township at the age of 36 years, her burial being in the Sulphur Springs Cemetery. The father of Mrs. Pugh died in Lykens township, when aged 63 years. They were members of the Methodist Protestant church, very active and faithful in church work. All of their five children survive, namely: Martha; Nancy Jane, who is the wife of Samuel Miller, of Shelby, O.; D. D., who also lives at Shelby, O.; J. R., who is a school teacher and a justice of the peace and lives in Whetstone township, Crawford county; and Enoch, who lives at Findlay, O. For many years Mr. Johnston served faithfully in the office of school director and made it his business to visit the schools in pursuance of what he deemed one of his duties. He was a well read, intelligent man and was widely known.

To Mr. and Mrs. Pugh the following children were born: Gertrude, Effie, Mary Jane, Senate A., Harry Logan and William Burdette. Gertrude, who died Aug. 22, 1905 at that time was the widow of Hale Carpenter, who died Oct. 2, 1904. Their burial was in the Swamp burying ground at Mt. Pisgah church. They left three children: Elwood, Helen and Russell, who live with their maternal grandparents. Effie, the second daughter,

lives at home. Mary Jane married V. B. Alspach, of Cranberry township and they have two children: Martha Evelyn and Marjorie Ruth. Senate A. is a prominent citizen of Crawford county and is postmaster at New Washington. Harry Logan, who was graduated first from the New Washington High School, later completed a business course at Oberlin College. He married Dora Miller and they reside three miles from New Washington. William Burdette, the youngest son, lives at home. Mrs. Pugh was carefully educated and taught school in Cranberry township until the death of her mother and was married in the following year. She was born June 10, 1843 and is a woman of such amiable character that she is universally beloved.

Since marriage Mr. Pugh has resided in the northeastern part of Cranberry township, locating first on 80 acres which he improved and then sold to advantage, afterward buying a second tract of eighty acres and at present lives on his farm of 74 acres situated in section 1, in the same township. This land is finely cultivated and well improved, and its management is largely carried on by his youngest son. Mr. Pugh has always given his political support to the Republican party and frequently, as one of the township's substantial and representative men, has been called upon to serve in public office and has been very useful as township supervisor and also as school director. He and family are members of the Baptist church, although Mrs. Pugh united with the Methodist Protestant church when she was 17 years old but at the time of marriage, in 1866, joined the Baptist church with her husband. She has always been very active in church work, belongs to the Ladies' Aid Society and for 38 years has been a member of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society. She belongs also to the Woman's Christian Temperance Union and additionally to the Woman's Relief Corps, in all these organizations showing womanly sympathy and tenderness coupled with the good judgment and practical views that have assisted her in rearing her family to respected and useful man and womanhood. In every relation of life she is an estimable woman.

ALBERT SHEIBLEY, who is a highly respected resident of New Washington, O., a

retired farmer and a former superintendent of the Crawford County Infirmary, was born at Baden, Germany, April 6, 1837, a son of John B. and Mary Ann (Link) Sheibley.

John B. Sheibley was the only child of his parents and was born in January, 1800, in Baden, Germany, and on account of some personal characteristics, was called John the Baptist, by his friends. In early manhood he learned the tailoring trade and lived until the spring of 1835 on his small farm in Baden, where he worked also at his trade. In the meanwhile he married Mary Ann Link, who was born in 1802, and died May 15, 1888. On March 6, 1843, Mr. Sheibley and family embarked for America, at Havre de Grace, taking passage on the St. Nicholas, and after a voyage of 36 days, reached the harbor of New York. This was the last voyage the old St. Nicholas ever made, the ship being then condemned, it having formerly been a war vessel. The Sheibley family then traveled by canal to Buffalo, N. Y., and by canal and lake and later by wagon continued their journey until they reached Galion, O. It required some time for Mr. Sheibley to find what he considered desirable farm land and for awhile he hesitated between what is now the site of Crestline and the forty-acre tract which he finally decided upon. In a business way the former land pleased him the better but he could speak but little English and felt that he would be at a disadvantage among those who could not understand German, so he located in a German settlement, where his native tongue was the general language. His 40 acres in Vernon township was then in Richland county but is now a part of Crawford county. He cleared ten acres of his land and set out an orchard and passed a number of years there, and was the first farmer to introduce artificial drainage in that section. He later moved to the southeast corner of Cranberry township, where he bought 80 acres which he improved and then sold and afterward bought another 80 acres, situated directly east of New Washington, on which he lived until his death, in January, 1885. He was a faithful member of the Roman Catholic church.

Albert Sheibley was six years old when his parents brought him to America, one of a family of eight children, one of whom is living.

He was the only son to survive childhood and hence had to give his father assistance just as soon as he was old enough and strong enough to assume responsibilities. His education was not neglected, however, and as opportunity offered, he attended both German and English schools, and afterward learned the butcher's trade with William Weaver, a neighbor. After his marriage he resided for five months at Shelby, O., and was with the Anderson Slaughtering Company, and then returned to the home farm, one and a quarter miles east of New Washington, which he purchased and his parents lived with him during the remainder of their lives. In addition to the above farm he owns 40 acres southeast of New Washington, which is considered one of the finest tracts of land in Crawford county. Since retiring and turning over his farm duties to his son Mathias, Mr. Sheibley has lived in his exceedingly comfortable residence, located on the corner of Main and Center streets, but he keeps up his old interest in agricultural matters and makes almost daily visits to the farm.

On Sept. 29, 1862, Mr. Sheibley was married to Miss Elizabeth Karl, who was born in Bohemia, a daughter of Christopher and Ann (Mottlin) Karl, who brought her to the United States when six years of age. Ten children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Sheibley, as follows: a babe that died in infancy; Mathias, who resides on the home farm, and who married Katherine McMahon and has four living children—Edward, Gertrude, Ida and Bertha, and two deceased—Frank and Arthur; A. F., who lives at Ottawa, O.; Mary, who is the widow of Joseph Miller; Rosa, who is the wife of Peter Heydinger; Catherine, who is the wife of Frank Goodman; Fannie, who is the wife of M. E. Lauerman, of Hammond, Ind.; John B.; Margaret, who is the wife of Joseph Miller, of Van Wert county, O.; and Jacob.

All his mature life Mr. Sheibley has been a Democrat and on many occasions he has been tendered public offices of responsibility. He was serving in the office of justice of the peace when he was elected superintendent of the Crawford County Infirmary and held the latter office for nine years and nine months, when he resigned on account of failing health. It was with many testimonials of regret that Mr.

Sheibley was permitted to retire to private life for his faithful and honest performance of public duty had been appreciated by his fellow citizens. For 13 years he served as a trustee of Cranberry township and also was township supervisor for a long time. Mr. Sheibley was reared in the Catholic church and has been a conscientious member throughout life. In him New Washington has a most worthy citizen, a man of good influence, always a supporter of law and order and one who has given much in the way of benevolence.

HARRY J. ULMER. Crawford county, O., has many old and substantial families here, members of which are leading citizens of their communities and live busy but independent lives on their large properties which have been acquired through honest industry. One of these families is the Ulmers, which has been in Crawford county through several generations. Harry J. Ulmer, a member of this respected old family, was born in Cranberry township, Crawford county, in 1874, and lives on his large farm containing 234 acres, which lies eleven miles northeast of Bucyrus. His parents are David and Catherine Ulmer.

David and Catherine Ulmer were both born in Crawford county, their parents having come here at an early day. They had six children born to them, namely: Elsworth F., Elmer D., Charles S., Louisa M., Ida E. and Harry J. Of these Charles S. is deceased. Elsworth F. resides at New Washington, O., married Clara Bender and they have four children: Edna, Florence, Helen and Orlo. Elmer D. lives at home and assists his father. Louisa M. is the wife of William Ulrich and they live at Galion, O., and have one child, Alta. Ida E. is the wife of Howard Stough and they live near Shelby, O., and have one daughter, Naomi.

Harry J. Ulmer secured a good, common school education. He remained at home, giving his father help on the home farm, until his own marriage and then purchased his present farm in Sandusky township and has devoted himself to its improvement and cultivation ever since. He has erected substantial buildings, has purchased all necessary machinery and in every way has a well equipped and up-to-date farm.

Mr. Ulmer married Miss Pearl M. Cleland,

a daughter of John M. and Martha M. (Francis) Cleland, and they have one daughter, Lois F. Mr. and Mrs. Ulmer belong to the English Lutheran church. He is not very active in politics but always gives support to the Democratic ticket.

ABRAHAM MONNETT, a former resident of Bucyrus, now deceased, was for many years one of the most prominent citizens of Crawford county, being closely connected with its financial and business interests, which he did much to conserve and promote. He was born Oct. 12, 1811, in the state of Virginia, near the Maryland line, his parents being Jeremiah and Alcy (Slagle) Monnett. He was a grandson of Abraham Monnett, who with his family moved from Virginia to Ohio in the year 1800, settling near the village of Chillicothe. Abraham's family numbered eight children—Isaac, Thomas, Margaret, Jeremiah, John, William, Osborn and Elizabeth.

Jeremiah Monnett, father of our subject, returned to Virginia, where he married Alcy Slagle, and they settled near Cumberland, on the Potomac river, where they resided until 1814. Then, with his wife and five children he removed to Ohio and settled in Pickaway county. Their trip from Virginia was a very hard one, and probably would not have been undertaken but for the help of a widow Jones, with whom Mr. Monnett joined teams. Jeremiah Monnett was a regularly ordained minister of the Methodist Episcopal church. On his arrival in Pickaway county he had only five dollars in money, his team, and a small supply of household goods. He remained a resident of Pickaway county until 1835, and then removed to Crawford county, settling four and a half miles south of Bucyrus, where he resided until his death, which took place in September, 1863. One of his sons, Rev. Thomas J. Monnett, became an earnest and successful minister in the Methodist Episcopal church, belonging to the North Ohio Conference; further mention of him will be found in this volume.

Abraham Monnett, our direct subject, had but limited opportunities in early life for obtaining an education, but made the best of those he had and subsequently improved his education considerably by reading and self

study. Always active, energetic, and endowed with great decision of character, he had before leaving Pickaway county with his father, in 1835, taken an active part in all local matters, and while residing there served as first lieutenant in a company of militia. Shortly after his father moved to Crawford county, Abraham bought 40 acres of land lying in Scott township, Marion county, Ohio. Here also he joined the militia company, being elected first lieutenant under Capt. Beckley.

In June, 1836, Mr. Monnett returned to Pickaway county, where on the 9th of that month he was married to Miss Catharine Brougher, who had been an orphan from her fourth year and by whom he received \$2,500, the proceeds of the sale of land of which she was the heir. This, with the exception of \$120, given him by his father, was the only money received by him and the only part of his extensive fortune not accumulated by his own energy and industry and economy. Soon after his marriage Mr. Monnett took up his residence in Scott township, Marion county. In 1838 he began the handling of cattle, many of which he bought in Illinois and drove to his farm in Marion county, to do which sometimes required a thirty days' drive. Later he became one of the founders of the Marion County Bank, which afterwards became the Second National Bank, and was its president for thirty years. He was also president for a number of years of the Farmers Bank of Marion, O., and was also at the head of the Crawford County Bank of Bucyrus, where much of his time was spent. Besides his interest in these financial enterprises, he owned no less than 11,000 acres of fine land in Crawford and Marion counties, a vast accumulation for a man whose early life was spent amid pioneer surroundings and whose education was largely self acquired. This wealth was chiefly the result of his operations in live stock and was well earned by hard work and good business management. Indeed Mr. Monnett was one of the best known business men in this part of the state and was moreover a man of sterling character and worth, respected by all who had any dealings with him and sincerely esteemed by a wide circle of friends. His death, which took place March 19, 1881, caused a void in the community which could not easily be filled.

By his first wife, Catharine Brougher Monnett, he was the father of twelve children, all of whom were reared to honorable manhood or womanhood, and most of whom are still living. They were as follows: Ephraim B., a farmer living in Bucyrus; Martha, wife of G. H. Wright of Marion, O.; Oliver, now deceased, who was a farmer of Marion county, O.; John T., farmer, residing in Marion county, O.; Alcy, wife of James Malcom of Bucyrus; Augustus E., of Colorado; Marvin J., farmer, stock dealer, miner and banker, also interested in the oil business, living at Los Angeles, Cal.; Mary J., deceased, the wife of George Hull, banker, Findlay, O.; Madison W., of Indianapolis, Ind.; Nelson, residing on the old homestead in Marion county; Amina J., wife of Calvin Tobias of Bucyrus; and Kate, wife of Louis Ross, farmer of Dallas township.

Mrs. Catharine Monnett died on Feb. 8th, 1875, and on May 30, 1877, Mr. Monnett was again married, his second wife being Mrs. Jane L. Johnston. She was born Nov. 23, 1831, in Bedford county, Pa., when her father, Samuel Ludwig, was removing from Berks county, that state, to Crawford county, O. It was necessary to stop by the way, when the daughter was born, and the heavy wagons proceeded to Crawford county, the mother being brought later with the infant girl and arriving here but two days after the wagons, or on December 14th. The history of the Ludwig family is an interesting one and may be briefly sketched here. Ancestors of the name were among the 500,000 Huguenots who were obliged to fly from France on the revocation of the Edict of Nantes by Louis XIV in 1685. Two Ludwig brothers from the province of Alsace, managed to make their way to the coast and took passage to America. With gold that had been sewed into the linings of their clothes, one of them on arrival bought land in Berks county, Pa. The other, a stone mason by trade, settled in Philadelphia, where he built many of the quaint brick buildings for which Philadelphia was noted prior to the Revolutionary war. He married and had seven sons, one named Michael. At the age of 22 years Michael Ludwig married Sarah Hanks, a Quakeress of English descent, and later they moved to a farm in Berks county, Pa. Of

their six children the youngest was Samuel, born in Berks county, Jan. 25, 1788. When he was three years old his father died and the mother subsequently married a wealthy farmer in the neighborhood, Nicholas Yochem, the father of Nicholas and Moses Yochem, who later became the heaviest iron masters in eastern Pennsylvania. Samuel Ludwig worked on the Yochem farm and was educated chiefly by his mother at night, who also taught her step-sons. She also gave lessons to a young teacher who came in 1805 to teach select winter school and who boarded at the Yochems. This teacher, Francis D. Shunk by name, afterwards studied law and became governor of Pennsylvania, and between him, Samuel Ludwig and the two Yochem brothers a life long friendship was maintained.

It was Samuel Ludwig's desire to study for a profession, but he was too poor, so he was apprenticed to a wheelwright and learned the trade. At the age of twenty he married Elizabeth Redcal, daughter of Hon. John Redcal, a member of the Pennsylvania legislature. For 23 years after his marriage he was engaged in the manufacture of wagons and plows in Reading, Pa., building up an extensive business. He became a prominent and popular citizen and might have been elected to the legislature but declined all public office. He devoted much time to study and became a very well educated man, even in some of the higher branches of knowledge. In 1831 he came on horseback to Bucyrus and bought a tract of land just east of the city. He then returned home, disposed of his business and brought his family to Crawford county, arriving December 12th of that year. In the spring of 1832 he bought 80 acres of John Coleman, just east of Bucyrus on the Mansfield road, and a part of this has been the Ludwig home for 80 years. In 1840, at the age of 62, he went overland to California, returning by a sailing vessel to Panama, crossing the Isthmus, and home via New Orleans, his trip costing him \$1,000, but he was then financially comfortable, having about 3,000 acres of land in Crawford county, besides other investments. Mr. Ludwig and wife had eleven children. He spent the closing years of his life with his daughter Jane (Mrs. Abraham Monnett) and at her home he died on Dec. 20, 1876, aged 88 years and eleven months.

Jane Ludwig, whose marriage has been already narrated in connection with the biography of Abraham Monnett, was first married to Henry D. E. Johnston, a son of Thomas F. and Martha Johnston, and three daughters were born to this union—Nora, now a resident of Los Angeles, Cal.; Zua, wife of Frank A. Stivers of Ripley; and Mary Agnes, who married Peter G. Powell of Lexington, Ky., and died there Dec. 12, 1905. Mr. Johnston died April 19, 1870, but his wife continued to live on the farm seven miles south of Bucyrus, which she managed with characteristic ability, bringing up her young children and later giving them every advantage of home and collegiate education. Her subsequent marriage to Mr. Monnett, May 30, 1877, has been already recorded. This union, though a happy one, was all too short, owing to Mr. Monnett's death some four years later. Mrs. Monnett was well qualified to preside over the most refined household. Though reared amid pioneer scenes and surroundings, she had developed in a high degree an innate strength of character, as an accompaniment to physical beauty and grace, early the art of social conversation and hospitality which made her so interesting up to the very last days of her life. During her later years her home was the center of social interest. The entertainments given there were lavish and elaborate, yet presided over with a refinement that avoided all ostentation and was pervaded with a sincere and genuine hospitality. The elegant house sheltered many noted guests who were alike charmed with the gracious manners and pleasing personality of their hostess. A broad reader and careful thinker, Mrs. Monnett was a gifted conversationalist and her views on public questions were valuable. At her last birthday, Nov. 23, 1911, she entertained a number of friends at dinner, presiding at the table with a graciousness that made the occasion a delightful one to all present. A little more than five weeks later, on December 31st, 1911, she died after little more than a week's illness, at the age of 80 years, one month and eight days, her daughter, Mrs. F. A. Stivers, of Ripley, administering to her as she slipped away on the sea of eternity. The funeral services were conducted by her pastor, Rev. J. Frank Smith, and her burial was in Oakwood cemetery.

Mrs. Monnett was a lavish giver to all

worthy enterprises. She also took a leading part in many successful campaigns for the improvement of Bucyrus. Her life was one of help for others, her counsel and judgment were freely given when called for and her purse was ever open to help along a good cause. Time dealt kindly with her, her eighty years of life and many years of exceptional cares and responsibilities had not darkened her view of her surroundings or detracted from her interest in others. She had a broad conception of duty and was strong in her ability to encounter and overcome obstacles. Her life was an inspiration to all who knew her and her death brought sadness to all. It will be long ere her memory shall pass away, and still longer before her influence for good and the effect of her works shall cease to be visible in the community of which she was so bright an ornament, and so strong a stay.

HENRY D. E. JOHNSTON, the first husband of Mrs. Jane Monnett, subject of the preceding sketch, was born in Lycoming county, Pa., August 8, 1825, a son of Thomas F. and Martha L. (Walton) Johnston. His father, Thomas F. Johnston, was born in the same county, Feb. 3, 1800, and was an only child, his parents coming to Pennsylvania from Ireland. Thomas F. learned the cabinet making business. On Sept. 20, 1823, he married Martha L. Walton, whose parents came from England. After his marriage Mr. Johnston continued in the business of cabinet making until October, 1825, when he started for Ohio one morning with a four horse covered wagon. Besides Mr. Johnston and his wife and their infant son, Henry, the party included Benjamin Warner, a brother-in-law of Mrs. Johnston, with his wife and one child. Their objective point was Dallas township, where George Walton, a brother of Mrs. Johnston, had located in 1823. After three weeks difficult travelling they reached the eastern part of the state, where, on account of the condition of the roads, and also because Mr. Johnston took sick, they were obliged to halt. Here they remained until the spring, when they resumed their journey, finally reaching the plain in Dallas township, where the wagon became so badly mired that they left it and proceeded to the Walton cabin partly on foot, the women

and children riding the horses. The wagon was rescued the following day. A few days later the party started west, avoiding the swamps as much as possible, and turning north on the Claridon road (later the Sandusky pike), came to Bucyrus, where Mr. Johnston decided to remain and establish business at his trade as a cabinet maker. The town then consisted of a few log cabins surrounded with water up to the steps. They stopped at Bishop Merriman's store, which looked very like a river boat anchored in the water. Wild ducks were plentiful and also deer and the woods were well supplied with wolves. Moving into an abandoned cabin, Mr. Johnston began looking up his cabinet-making business and found that, with woods everywhere, it would be impossible to get a piece of lumber dry enough to work up, so he determined to move to Colto work up, so he determined to move to Columbus. His neighbors, however, entreated him to remain, Benjamin Warner promising him a forty acre farm in Whetstone township, it being a part of what is now the Jacob Hurr farm. This offer he accepted on the understanding that he could raise wheat on the farm. He succeeded in raising the wheat, but the difficulty of getting it ground and the impure water, which caused much sickness in his family, prompted him in 1829 to remove to Findlay, where they promptly elected him county auditor, with a salary of \$75 a year. After one term in office, however, he moved back to Crawford, this time settling in Dallas township, where the water was somewhat better. He now devoted his attention to stock raising, in which he was very successful, at one time having as many as 6,000 head. At the time of his death, Nov. 1, 1862, he had about 1,300 acres of land. After his death, and even before, his sons, Henry D. E. and G. E., carried on the stock business, prospering as had their father before them.

Henry D. Johnston was born in Lycoming county, Pa., Aug. 8, 1825, and came with his parents to Crawford county when but an infant. On May 6, 1857, he married Jane Ludwig, youngest child of Samuel Ludwig. After his marriage he continued farming and stock raising in Dallas township until 1859 when he came to Bucyrus. Here he devoted his attention exclusively to the stock trade for three years, when, on the death of his father, he re-

turned to the farm in Dallas township, continuing in business there until his death on April 19, 1870. At the time of his death the father left his wife and daughters about 515 acres of land and other property.

SENATE A. PUGH, who was appointed postmaster at New Washington, O., Feb. 1, 1911, and a member of one of the old and patriotic families of Crawford county, O., was born in Cranberry township, Crawford county, two miles east and one mile north of New Washington, Jan. 15, 1883. He is a son of Moses and Martha (Johnston) Pugh.

Moses Pugh was born in Lykens township, Crawford county, and there attended the district schools and helped his father clear up the farm until the age of 17 years, when he left home and enlisted as a soldier in Co. H, 55th O. Vol. Inf., and remained in the army all through the Civil War, although so severely wounded that he lost his right leg. On three different occasions he was promoted on account of unusual bravery and when he was honorably discharged and mustered out he was second lieutenant of his company. He returned home and cleared up a farm of eighty acres in Cranberry township, south of Cranberry Chapel. He now owns 76 acres in Cranberry township. He is a valued member of the G. A. R. at New Washington. He married in Crawford county and five of his six children survive.

Senate A. Pugh attended the Cranberry township schools and the New Washington High School, graduated from Oberlin Business College, and afterward taught school for eight months at Auburn Center. For three years he engaged in farming two and one-half miles south of New Washington, where he owns 160 acres of land which he has under rental, it formerly being owned by John Remmle but Mr. Pugh has done the most of the improving. He is a stockholder in the Cranberry Home Nursery Company of New Washington and has resided in the city ever since his marriage and since March 20, 1911, has been postmaster.

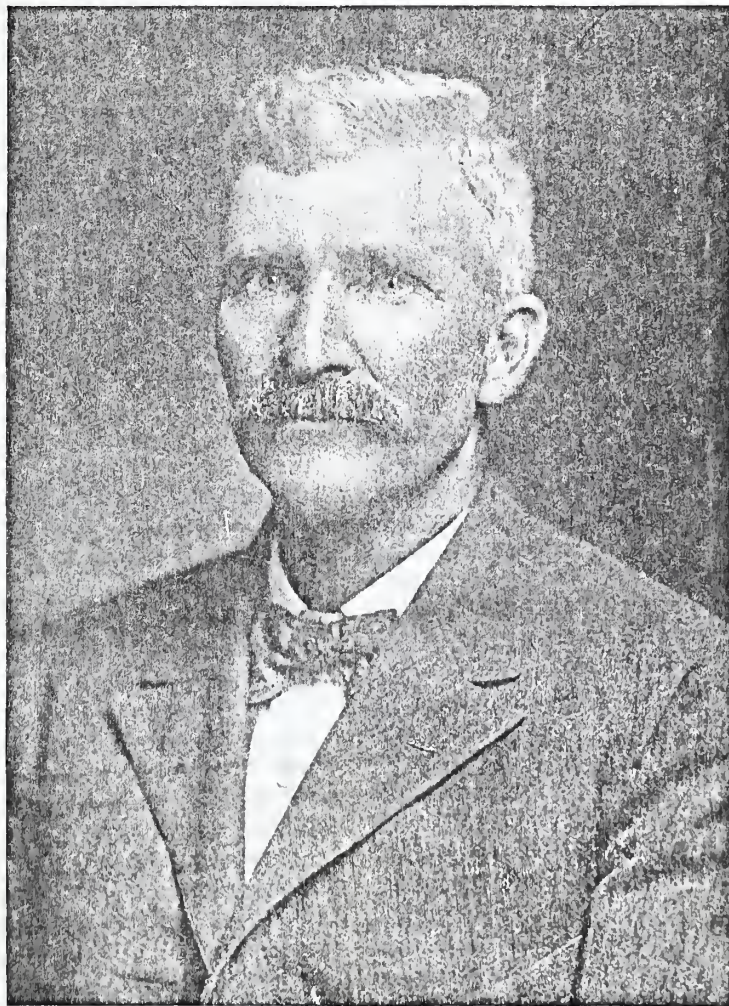
Mr. Pugh was married to Miss Hazel Casner, who was born in Seneca county, O., a daughter of William and Ella Casner. Politically he is staunch in his adherence to the

Republican party. He belongs to the fraternal order Knights of Pythias.

SIMON MATHIAS HEINLEN, whose fine farm of 84 acres lies in Bucyrus township, Crawford county, O., is a native of this township, born June 3, 1853, and is a son of Mathias and Elizabeth (Bickle) Heinlen.

Mathias Heinlen and wife were both born in Germany and came young to Crawford county and married here, spent their lives in Bucyrus township and now rest in the old cemetery at Nevada. They were good and virtuous people, members of the Lutheran church. It is said that no call for help in their neighborhood was ever disregarded by them and on their farm friends and strangers found a hospitable, German welcome. They had the following children: Elizabeth, who is the wife of A. E. Bolinger; John, Simon Mathias; Samuel; Frank; Matilda, who was twice married, first to Harry Ochse, and second to James Johnston; Magdalena, who is the wife of Byron Kent; and Lucinda, who is the wife of Smith Murphy.

Simon Mathias Heinlen has spent his life in Crawford county, a part of the time living in Bucyrus township and a part in Todd township. He has followed farming and stock raising ever since his school days ended, and has brought his land to a high state of cultivation. On Dec. 31, 1889, he was married to Miss Jennie McConnell. Her parents, Alexander and Leanna (Wortman) McConnell, are both deceased. They were born in Belmont county, O., and after marriage settled on a farm in Wyandot county. Mrs. Heinlen is a granddaughter of Isaac Wortman, who served in the War of 1812. Mr. and Mrs. McConnell had the following children: Nettie, deceased, who married Josh Henry of Michigan; Rachel, who married John McAllister; Newton, Jennie, who is the wife of Mr. Heinlen; and Elmer. Two daughters and one son have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Heinlen: Edith E., Ethel V. and Herman M. The family attends the Martin Luther church. In his political views Mr. Heinlen, like his late father, is a Democrat. Since settling on his present farm he has accepted no public office but served two terms as assessor while residing in Todd township. He is one of the well known and repre-



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sentative men of this section of Crawford county.

L. J. LINN, whose substantial improvements and fine buildings add greatly to the value of his beautiful farm of 355 acres, which lies six miles north of Bucyrus, O., in a well irrigated and fertile part of Holmes township, Crawford county, was born in this township, in November, 1858, and is a son of William and Leah (Fralick) Linn.

William Linn is one of the venerable and highly esteemed residents of Holmes township, in which he has spent a useful life. His occupation has been farming and he found success and contentment in caring for his fields and flocks. He married Leah Fralick, who also survives, and seven of their children, as follows: W. G., who lives at Bucyrus; and L. J., Mrs. Alice James, Mrs. Lucy Spore, Mrs. Melissa Brownshall, Mrs. Laura Heileman, and Mrs. Clara Sawyer. The Linn family is one of the oldest in Crawford county and early pioneers in Holmes township.

L. J. Linn had the best educational advantages the common schools offered in his boyhood and afterward he engaged in farming. For the past 30 years he has resided on his present farm, which he devotes to stock raising and general agriculture. He has erected such substantial and attractive buildings that favorable comment is made by passing visitors, while they add greatly to the general appearance of the neighborhood and satisfy a local pride. He has always been an enterprising and progressive man and takes a just pleasure in the ownership of such desirable property.

Mr. Linn married Miss Lizzie Heileman and they have three children: Roy, Jay and Vella. The eldest son is a farmer in Holmes township. He married here Miss Laura Ditty and they have two children: Leslie and Pearson. Jay, the second son, owns a farm adjoining that of his father. He married Miss Alta Lust and they have two sons: Marvin John and Dorsey. Vella is the wife of Minor Schiefer and they have one son, Ivan. In politics Mr. Linn and sons are Republicans. The family belongs to the Evangelical church at Broken-sword. As a recreation, Mr. Linn enjoys hunting and although he has never visited game regions in other lands he has pretty well covered those in his own country and has

trophies won from Maine to California, by his trusty Winchester. He has visited states from Maine to California and has seen much of the country in his travels.

Several years ago—in 1904—Mr. Linn took his entire family to the St. Louis Exposition, and then continued his tour to the West, looking up the early settlers, who had left Crawford county in the years that have passed to make their homes beyond the Mississippi. In Oklahoma, Kansas, Colorado, California, and other of the western states, he met many of those who had been associated with him in his youthful days in the development of his native county of Crawford, and with them, during his six month's trip, he exchanged many interesting reminiscences.

HENRY C. SARGEL,* who enjoys the distinction of being the oldest department head connected with the Toledo & Ohio Central railway shops, located at Bucyrus, O., is the efficient foreman of the immense blacksmith shops here having been advanced to his present position in 1893, after years of faithful service. He was born in Marion county O., March 16, 1853.

The parents of Mr. Sargel were natives of Bavaria, Germany, and when they came to America settled at Marion, O., where the father died. The mother, now 88 years of age, resides with a son in Crawford county. The family is of the German Lutheran faith. Of the seven children, four are deceased: Peter, Louise, Elizabeth and John. The survivors are: Henry C., Erhart and Jacob.

Henry C. Sargel was reared at Marion, O., attended school there and when old enough for railroad service, entered the employ of the Erie railroad and learned the blacksmith trade in the Erie shops. In 1881 he came to Bucyrus to work in the shops of the Toledo & Ohio Central railroad and his skill and dexterity soon won him advancement and, as mentioned, he was made foreman of his department 19 years ago. In everything pertaining to the blacksmith work of this road he is an authority and he is very highly estimated by the company. He has been a careful, prudent man and at times has made property investments and owns a beautiful residence at No. 428 Galion street, Bucyrus.

Mr. Sargel was married at Bucyrus to Miss

Louise C. Gerhart, who was born in Pennsylvania, Sept. 19, 1858, and in the same year was brought to Galion, O., by her parents, Angus and Catherine (Kline) Gerhart. In that city Mr. Gerhart was a mechanic in the shops of the Big Four railroad, in earlier years being a cooper. He was born Sept. 26, 1830, and his wife in 1836, and they both survive and are respected and esteemed residents of Galion. They have been almost lifelong members of the German Lutheran church. Mr. and Mrs. Sargel have had the following children: Otho Orlando, who died at the age of three and one-half years; Edward Arthur, who lives at home and is a postal clerk on the Pennsylvania railroad; C. Irene, who is the wife of Carl Bechtel, residing at Bucyrus; and Roy Alonzo, who is a machinist with the Big Four railroad, at Bellefontaine, O. Mr. and Mrs. Sargel are members of the German Lutheran church. He belongs to the beneficiary order of Royal Arcanum, at Bucyrus.

JOHN EDWARD HOPLEY, second son of John Prat and Georgianna Rochester Hopley, was born near Elkton, Todd County, Kentucky, August 25, 1850. His mother, writing to a sister when he was eleven months old said, "John Eddie has eyes as blue as the sky and as bright as the stars; he likes to play with books and is only quiet when looking at the pictures." This early love of books continued through life; he not only owns a large library but with a retentive memory possesses a knowledge of its contents.

His parents returned north, to Logan, Ohio; then to Bucyrus when he was six years old, his father being superintendent of the schools at both places. He attended the Bucyrus schools until the fall of 1867, when, his father having purchased the Bucyrus Journal, he left school and learned the printing business in his father's office. He read law with Hon. Jacob Scroggs, and was admitted to the bar in 1876. He spent several years in New York at the printing business and in 1883 returned to Bucyrus and was associated with his father on the Journal. On October 17, 1887, he started the Evening Telegraph. He was attracted to politics early in life, as his home was a centre of political activity, and before he was of age he was mapping out plans, with his father, by

which majorities might be achieved. He was one of the organizers of the League of Republican Clubs in the State, as well as the Associated Ohio Dailies; was State Central Committeeman for four years. In 1891 he managed the campaign which resulted in the election of Hon. S. R. Harris to Congress, and he was that gentleman's private secretary for two years at Washington; in 1895 he took charge of the campaign which resulted in the nomination of Hon. Frank S. Monnette for Attorney General. In 1897 he took an active hand in the exciting campaign which resulted in the election of Hon. M. A. Hanna to the United States Senate, visiting every close legislative district in the state. In 1898 he was appointed by President McKinley as United States Consul to Southampton, England, and five years later was promoted to the Consulate at Montevideo, South America. His parents both died in 1904, and in 1905 he returned to Bucyrus to succeed his father as president of the Hopley Printing Company, and editor of the Journal and Telegraph. In 1912 he was nominated by the State Convention as one of the electors at large on the Republican ticket.

His consular service made him an extensive traveler; he has crossed the ocean fifteen times. He possesses many souvenirs of his foreign travels, among them valued testimonials given him in recognition of faithful and popular service, his first consular commission, bearing the signature of William McKinley and its acceptance, signed "Victoria R." He is a lover of politics, poetry and romance, Joan of Arc and Napoleon being his favorite characters in history. His amusements are "whist" and puzzles. He is a member of the Masonic Fraternity and the Eastern Star; also of the Elks, being the first exalted ruler of the present lodge. He was never married but resides at the home-stand which has been his home for fifty-six years. He values friends above money, and his wealth is in his friendships. In June, 1911, he was engaged to write the History of Crawford County, and for over a year he has devoted his entire time to the work. The result of his research and labor are presented in this volume.

T. T. TUPPS, who is numbered with the successful agriculturists of Liberty township,

Crawford county, O., owns a finely improved farm containing 105 acres, on which he has resided for some years. He was born in Crawford county, O., and is the only child born to his parents, who were Dr. Uriah and Melissa (Jones) Tupps.

The father of Mr. Tupps was a physician and was widely known. He lived in Chatfield township, until his death and was survived by his widow. Dr. Tupps had one brother and one sister: Jaconiah, who lives in Whetstone township; and Mrs. Campbell, who is now deceased.

T. T. Tupps attended the district schools and remained on the home farm until he was 14 years of age, when he learned the house painting trade, which he follows in connection with farming. After purchasing his present farm he put in many improvements and built a very handsome residence.

Mr. Tupps married Miss Sophia Hildebrand, a daughter of John Hildebrand, whose other children were: Solomon, George, Jacob, Emanuel, Christian John and Tillie. To Mr. and Mrs. Tupps the following children were born: Tony R., who married Grace Baird, and lives in Liberty township and has one child, Milliard; Carrie, who died in infancy; Howard, who died at the age of fourteen years; and Idallas and Donald. The family belongs to the German Lutheran church. In politics Mr. Tupps has always given support to the Democratic party and on that ticket he has been, at times, elected to public office and has served satisfactory to all concerned as school director and supervisor.

J. B. ALT, general farmer, successfully operating 160 acres of fine land situated in section 2, Cranberry township, Crawford county, O., devotes considerable attention also to fine stock, having some registered animals. Mr. Alt was born in Cranberry township, Sept. 2, 1865, and is a son of Lewis and Elizabeth (Faeth) Alt.

The parents of Mr. Alt moved from Crawford to Huron county when he was young and he attended school there before the family removed to Seneca county and it was in Reed township, in the latter county, that the father died. The mother continues to reside in the old home in Reed township. They had a family of seven sons and one daughter.

J. B. Alt remained in Seneca county until 1895, having grown up on the home farm, and then came to Cranberry township once more and afterward moved to a farm in Auburn township. Later he determined to return to his native part of the county and in 1902 located on the farm on which he has resided ever since, renting it annually from its owner, Frank Wechter, of New Washington. Mr. Alt is an industrious and experienced farmer and through his practical methods and solid agricultural knowledge, has brought this land to a high state of cultivation and has done much to bring about a raising of the standard of stock in this part of the county.

Mr. Alt was married in Seneca county, O., to Miss Anna L. Hitz, who was born in Michigan, a daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth Hitz, and they have a family of seven children, four daughters and three sons; Esther, Albert, Edwin, Laura, William, Charlotte and Katherine. Mr. Alt and family are members of the Roman Catholic church and he is identified with the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association. He is a quiet, law-abiding man, anxious to work for the good of the community and country at large, but not seeking public office. In his political views he is a Democrat.

DANIEL P. WINCH, a representative citizen and prosperous farmer and stock raiser of Dallas township, Crawford county, O., where he owns 80 acres of well improved land, was born in Marion county, O., Jan. 2, 1864, and is a son of Frederick and Mary (Crissinger) Winch.

Frederick Winch was born in Germany and came to Marion county as a young man and continued to live here and follow agricultural pursuits until his death. He married Mary Crissinger, who was born in Marion county and now resides at Martel, Marion county. They were parents of the following children: Henry, John, Daniel P., James, Charles, Richard, Matilda and Etta, all surviving except James. Matilda is the wife of Charles Dyson, and Etta is the wife of William Kirtz. Frederick Winch and wife were members and liberal supporters of the Reformed church.

Daniel P. Winch obtained a district school education and has always been interested in the public schools of his neighborhood and for eight years served as a school director. His

business has been general farming, including the raising of sufficient stock for his own use, and through his intelligent methods and close attention he has been quite successful. In 1901 he settled on his farm in Dallas township, which he purchased from August Linn, and has made many substantial improvements here.

On June 18, 1891, Mr. Winch was married to Miss Amanda Stoltz, a daughter of David and Elizabeth (Eckard) Stoltz. The parents of Mrs. Winch were born in Pennsylvania and came to Ohio when young. They had the following children born to them: Ella, George, Mary, Amanda, Anna, Ida, John, Matilda, Jay, Clarence, Samuel and Callie, the last named being deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Winch have three children: Edna, who is the wife of Orra Linn; and Ralph D. and Zola Laverne. Mr. Winch and family are members of the Reformed church. In politics he is nominally a Democrat but frequently in casting his vote, relies on his own judgment as to a candidate's fitness for office.

GEORGE NEDOLAST,* who carries on general farming on his well improved 80 acres, situated in section 24, Cranberry township, Crawford county, O., was born in Auburn township, Crawford county, Jan. 6, 1871, and is a son of Thomas and Annie (Wenzelick) Nedolast, natives of Germany.

The father of Mr. Nedolast was born in Germany and came in early manhood to Ohio, where he married Annie Wenzelick, who was also a native of Germany. They settled in Cranberry township when this land was in its wild state and not only cleared off this tract but an adjoining one of 80 acres and on both of his farms carried on mixed farming. George Nedolast is the second born in a family of eight children, the others being: John, who lives south of New Washington; Nicholas, who is a farmer in Cranberry township; Martin, who lives south of New Washington; Peter, who resides in South Cranberry township; Mrs. Lena Raymond, who lives at Barlow, O.; George, who lives at New Washington; and Joseph, who lives south of New Washington. The father of the above family died at the age of 56 years and his burial was in the Catholic cemetery at New Washington. The mother still lives on the home farm.

Since the ending of his school days, George Nedolast has been engaged in farming and has lived on his present place for about ten years, having had six acres to clear. He married Kate Siska, a daughter of Joseph Siska, and they have four children: Helen, Martin, Gerhart and Annie. Mr. Nedolast is a quiet, industrious, law abiding man, one of good principles and a faithful member of the Catholic church, to which he is a generous contributor. In politics he has always been a Democrat.

BENJAMIN SHEARER, a well known citizen of Bucyrus, O., where he has many interests although is practically retired from active business, was born in Whetstone township, Crawford county, O., and is a son of John J. Shearer and a grandson of Michael Shearer.

Michael Shearer, the grandfather, was born in Wertemnberg, Germany and there married Anna Hipp. In 1805 they came to the United States and settled in Lancaster county, Pa., moving from there some years later to Lycoming county, in that state, and in 1834 they came to Whetstone township, Crawford county, purchasing land which is still in the family. Michael Shearer survived his wife and was 75 years of age at time of death.

John J. Shearer was born in Lancaster county, Pa., in 1808, and accompanied his parents to Lycoming county. About 1832 his older brother, Jacob Shearer, ventured as far west as Whetstone township, Crawford county, with his family, and in 1834, John J. Shearer, accompanied by his young wife and his parents, followed the other members of the family to Ohio. The first wife of John J. Shearer died early and he later married Catherine Miller and they lived on a farm of 300 acres, in Dallas township for 16 years. He then sold his farm to his sons and retired to Bucyrus, where he resided until his death, in 1884, having survived his second wife since Jan. 1, 1869. She was but 53 years of age at that time but was the mother of six sons and one daughter: Daniel, who died in Idaho, unmarried; Mary A., who died at the age of nine years; Samuel, who died when aged ten years; Isaac, who died in 1907, at the age of 50 years, and was survived by three brothers: David, who is a successful farmer in Whetstone town-

ship, and has one son, Samuel C.; Benjamin; and George, who is a capitalist at Portland, Ore., and has a family of three children: Wallace, Ruby and Alice.

Benjamin Shearer was reared on the farm in Dallas township and attended the neighborhood schools and also the Bucyrus schools, after which he became a teacher and spent several terms in Dallas township schools as the head where he had once been a pupil. In the course of time he became the owner of 200 acres of the family estate which he later increased by 100 more acres, and continued to reside in Dallas township and carry on general farming and stock raising until 1893, when he came to Bucyrus, where he was more or less interested in public matters and business affairs until 1904, when he practically eased himself of his larger responsibilities. He is a large stockholder and a director in the Second National Bank and in other enterprises and was one of the interested capitalists that secured the installation of the Automatic Telephone Company. In his political views Mr. Shearer is a Democrat and he was a director of the county infirmary from January, 1888, to January, 1894.

Mr. Shearer was married in Marion county, O., to Miss Anna Dawson, who was born, reared and educated in that county, and is a daughter of James and Eve (Miller) Dawson, natives of Ross and Pickaway counties respectively. James Dawson secured his land during the administration of President Jackson and the deed, which was not recorded until many years afterward, bears that executive's name. Mr. and Mrs. Dawson lived in Marion county many years and then moved to Ross county, where he died at the age of 87 and she died later at the home of Mrs. Shearer, aged 86 years. Mr. and Mrs. Shearer have had two children: Mary Ellen, who died at the age of eleven years; and John J., who is a resident of Houston, Tex. He was married in New York to Mildred Faulter and they have three children: DeWitt, Anna Gladys and Floyd. Mr. and Mrs. Shearer are members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

MRS. MARGARET HEYDINGER, a well known and highly esteemed resident of Cranberry township, Crawford county, O., where

she owns a valuable farm of 100 acres, was born in Auburn township, Crawford county, and is a daughter of Peter and Eva (Heartzer) Boblick, and the widow of Frank Heydinger. The parents of Mrs. Heydinger were born in Germany and grew up there and married and afterward came to the United States and settled in Auburn township, Crawford county, O. The father was an industrious and highly respected man. His death occurred in Auburn township, where his widow still lives, on June 24, 1906.

Mrs. Heydinger was carefully reared by her parents who were members of St. Mary's Catholic church, to which she and children belong, and attended the parochial and later the public schools in Auburn township. On Nov. 27, 1895, she was married to Frank Heydinger, who was born May 8, 1865, in Cranberry township, a son of the late John Heydinger. He grew to manhood on his father's farm and obtained a public school education. About the time of marriage, he bought his farm of 100 acres from his father and partly cleared it and made many improvements. He carried on general farming. His political vote was always cast with the Democratic party but he took no great interest in public matters. Mr. Heydinger had a wide circle of friends and his death, which occurred May 19, 1911, was regretted all over this section. He was a member of St. Mary's Catholic church and was laid to rest in St. Mary's Cemetery. He left a family of six children, namely: Mary, Anthony, Paul, George, Gertrude and Clara. Mrs. Heydinger continues to reside on her farm, which is situated four and one-half miles northeast of New Washington, and has her land cultivated for her.

EDWARD MILLER, general farmer and stock raiser, who until recently resided on his tract of 115 acres lying in Tod township, Crawford county, O., one-half mile west of Lemert, O., now resides near Chatfield, O., on a tract of 200 acres which he has exchanged for the former. He was born in 1864, on his father's farm two and one-half miles west of Bucyrus, and is a son of Henry and Mary (Kissel) Miller.

Henry Miller was born in Dauphin county, Pa., where he remained until he was 35 years

of age, when he came to Crawford county and located on a farm of 80 acres west of Bucyrus. In 1870 he moved to the present homestead in Tod township, and the remainder of his life was passed here, his death occurring in his 82d year. He married Mary Kissel, who was also born in Pennsylvania and died in Crawford county, when aged 73 years. They had eleven children born to them, namely: John C., Samuel, Henry, Mary, Ellen, Elias, Hiram, Rufus, Edward, Grant and Jacob; four of these—Jacob, Samuel, Henry and Mary—being deceased. John C. served three years in Company L, 10th Ohio Vol. Cav., and Samuel served 18 months in Company A, 12th Ohio Vol. Cav., during the Civil War.

Edward Miller attended the country schools and assisted his father until he became of age and then spent two years in Missouri. After he returned he married and came then to his present farm, making improvements here which has greatly increased its value and cultivating it in such a way as to make it exceedingly productive.

Mr. Miller married Miss Celia Dolon, a daughter of William Dolon, who is in the stone quarry business, and they have two children: Clarence and Esta, both of whom reside at home. Mr. Miller and family belongs to the Methodist Protestant church at Lemert. In politics he is a Republican. He is an active citizen in taking an interest in public affairs in his neighborhood, but is no seeker for office, his time being fully engaged in looking after his large farm.

JAMES H. GREEN, deceased, for many years was a prominent business man of Galion, O. He was born at Norton, near Cardington, O., his parents being Aaron and Nancy (Berry) Green.

The Green and Berry families both came very early in Ohio from Pennsylvania. The Berrys settled Berry Hill, which is now a part of Marion, O. After marriage, Aaron and Nancy (Berry) Green began life on a farm near Cardington, O., in Morrow county, and became well known and respected people and leading members of the Protestant Methodist church. They had two sons born to them, James H. and Sanford, the latter of whom has

been engaged in medical practice at Cardington, O., for many years, and is a veteran of the Civil War.

James H. Green grew to manhood in Morrow county and had such educational advantages as were obtainable at the time, and began to provide for himself as a clerk in a merchant's store at Mt. Gilead, O., and was so engaged when the Civil War broke out. Shortly afterward he enlisted for service, becoming a member of the 47th O. Vol. Inf., and remained in the Federal Army for three years, participating in all the hazards to which his command was exposed but escaping capture by the enemy and receiving but one wound which did not seriously incapacitate him.

After the close of the war, Mr. Green returned to Mt. Gilead where he engaged in the mercantile business for a short time and then came to Galion. Here, in 1866, he established the Citizens National Bank, of which he became manager and cashier, and some years afterward assumed its presidency, subsequently devoting himself entirely to the interests of this financial institution, building it up into a high state of efficiency. Mr. Green was recognized as one of the men of sterling character and honesty and uprightness continues to be associated with his name as his fellow citizens recall him. He was a Republican in his political opinions but was more of a business man than politician. For many years he took pride and interest in his Masonic connections and belonged to the high branch of the fraternity known as the Mystic Shrine.

At Galion, O., Mr. Green was united in marriage with Miss Leonora Hathaway McClain, who was born at East Liberty, near Bellefontaine, O., and was brought to Galion when nine years old by her parents, Marcus H. and Lucy (Reed) McClain. Both were born in Ohio of Scotch-Irish parents, were married on Darby Plains, near Milford, and immediately afterward settled at East Liberty. Mr. McClain engaged there in a general mercantile business and later was connected with business enterprises at Upper Sandusky and Wilmington prior to coming to Galion, in 1860. Here he engaged for many years in the drug business and became a prominent citizen. Dr. McClain still lives at Galion



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and in spite of his 87 years, is a man of much business ability and continues to be the president of the Galion Loan and Savings Company, which is an incorporated body with capital of \$2,000,000. Dr. McClain is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and in politics is a Republican. Of his children two daughters survive: Mrs. Green and Mary J., who is the wife of Joseph Repine, who resides at Ft. Wayne, Ind.

To Mr. and Mrs. Green four sons were born: Howard A., Frank R., Dahl and James H., all prominent business men of Galion.

ALBERT C. SCHAFSTALL, V. S.,* who maintains his office in Mansfield street, New Washington, O., has been engaged in the active practice of his profession here since 1910, one that covers a large territory and includes every branch of veterinary practice. He was born at Donaldson, Pa., Aug. 3, 1886, and is a son of William A. and a grandson of Albert Philip Schafstall.

Albert Philip Schafstall was born in Pennsylvania, of German ancestry, and there married Eliza Minning, and they had four children: Levi and John, both of whom are deceased; William A.; and Minnie, who is the wife of John Haverock. The grandfather of Dr. Schafstall was a leading citizen of Donaldson, where he and wife died, and was a member of the first town council and the first board of health.

William A. Schafstall was a carpenter and practical miner and for a number of years before retiring, was manager of a large mine. He married Elizabeth Long, who was a daughter of Charles and Esther Long, the latter being of English ancestry, and they have four children, namely: Florence, who married Lee Morgan and lives at Lincoln, Pa.; Albert C., subject of this article; Edith, who married James Kissinger and lives at Lebanon, Pa.; and Roy, who resides with his parents. They are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. Schafstall is a Republican in politics and for a number of years has been a member of the school board.

Albert S. Schafstall attended the public schools at Tremont, Pa., and after graduating from the High School went to Philadelphia, where he secured a position as meat inspector

for the Government and in the meanwhile he did his preparatory studying for entrance in the Ontario Veterinary College, at Toronto, Canada, where he was graduated in 1910. In May of that year he established himself at New Washington, O., and his regular practice covers the territory from Shiloh to Livermore and from Bucyrus to five miles north of Attica, O. He is a member of the Ohio State Veterinary Medical Association and of the Erie Medical Association. He is a well trained man in his school of medicine and keeps thoroughly abreast of the times in all scientific study. In addition to his practice, Dr. Schafstall is a charter member and a director of the Cranberry township nursery. In politics he is independent, while fraternally he belongs to the Knights of the Golden Eagle and to the Sons of America.

A. H. LAUGHBAUM, cashier of the Commercial Savings Bank Company, at Galion, O., is one of the capable, energetic and public spirited men of this city. He was born in Crawford county, in 1853, and is a son of Henry and Nancy (Pfeifer) Laughbaum.

Henry Laughbaum was born in 1828, in Richland county, O., and died in Polk township, Crawford county, May 8, 1901. He settled in Polk township as a real pioneer, spending a number of years in the woods, operating saw mills and manufacturing lumber. In 1865 he settled on a farm, on which he continued to reside until the close of his life and which is yet the home of his widow. It was their custom for many years to attend services in the United Brethren church at Galion and Mrs. Laughbaum, although now 80 years of age, still drives in from the farm, three miles distant, every Sunday.

A. H. Laughbaum began to teach school when he was but 15 years of age, having made the most of his rather meager educational opportunities, and for a period covered by 24 years continued as an educator and during this time was twice appointed school examiner. In 1891 he was first elected county clerk, serving afterward for six and one-half years and for two years as assistant to his successor, W. B. Forest. He then became clerk in the Second National Bank of Bucyrus and in 1907 came from there to Galion, having been elected

cashier of the Commercial Savings Bank Company of this place. He is widely known in financial circles and is extremely popular in his relations with the patrons of the bank. Politically a Democrat he has frequently been honored by his party with elections and appointed to office. For two terms he served as president of the city council and has been a member of both the county and executive committees that organize, manage and regulate political movements in the party. A delegate a number of times to county and state conventions, his loyalty to his party and to his friends is proverbial and his advice on party measures is known to have been sound.

The Commercial Savings Bank Company of Galion, O., was organized in June, 1905, with Mark Cook as president; R. W. Johnston as vice president; M. A. Curtiss as second vice president; and Frank Stout as teller. Since 1907, A. H. Laughbaum has been cashier and E. B. Beall has been assistant cashier. The report of the condition of the bank issued Feb. 20, 1912, shows a vast amount of business done and that the bank is in a very prosperous condition. The board of directors are men of capital and high standing, as follows: Mark Cook, R. W. Johnston, M. A. Curtiss, C. H. Henkel, W. V. Goshorn, Dr. E. D. Helfrich, C. S. Mooney, J. L. Gugler and Mell B. Talmadge.

In 1874, Mr. Laughbaum was married to Miss B. E. Shumaker, who was born and reared in Crawford county. Her father, John J. Shumaker, was the first white child born in Crawford county, this event taking place in Polk township, April 13, 1828, and he has always lived within one mile of his birthplace. Although 84 years of age he has been kindly treated by Father Time and his stature of six feet and two inches has not been diminished by the weaknesses of old age. His friends and neighbors tell a story that he is too modest to boast of, and that is that one year ago, in one day, he husked fifty bushels of corn, a feat that a much younger husker might justly be proud of. He married Elizabeth Smith, who died in 1911, aged 80 years. Mr. Shumaker is a member of the Reformed church. Five children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Laughbaum: Malcolm A., Thurman Ray, Gurney Y., Virgy E., and a son that

died in infancy. Malcolm A., who was a graduate of the Bucyrus High School and of Oberlin College and president of his class (1901) in the medical department of the Western Reserve College, died in 1904. He was a brilliant young man and apparently had a successful and useful career before him. Thurman Ray is a graduate of Otterbein University, attended the Ohio State University at Columbus and was graduated from Starling Medical College in May, 1910, and is now in active practice at Haysville, O. He married Maude Seamster and they have one son, Malcolm A. Gurney Y. is a graduate of the Northern Ohio University and is a pharmacist with Caldwell and Bloor, at Mansfield, O., Virgy E. is the wife of Charles T. Reid, formerly of Bucyrus and now of Ashland, O. They have two children: Dorothy E. and John Robert. Mr. Laughbaum is a prominent member of the U. B. church at Galion, being church treasurer and superintendent of the Sunday-school. On three occasions he has been a delegate to the general church conference, once at Fredericktown, Md., four years later, at Topeka, Kans., and in 1908 represented the First United Brethren church at Galion, at Canton, O. Fraternally he is identified with the Odd Fellows.

MRS. HARRIET ZAEBST, who is widely known in Cranberry township, Crawford county, O., and very highly esteemed, resides on her excellent farm of 78 acres, which lies in section 14, in the western part of this township. She was born in Columbiana county, O., Oct. 11, 1839, one of five children born to Joseph and Susann (Firestone) Harmon.

When Harriet Harmon was eight years old her father died in Chatfield township, Crawford county, where the family had been living for four years. The mother was obliged to find homes for the little ones when she was left a widow and when she later married Jeremiah Lloyd, of Mansfield, still left Harriet in the home of the latter's uncle, David Harmon, of Chatfield township. Mrs. Lloyd died in Kaskaskia county, Ind., at the age of 63 years. The child remained in her uncle's family and was taught all manner of housewifely duties but had little opportunity to go to school. On April 3, 1860, she was married to Adam Zaebst,

who was born on the farm now owned by his widow, a son of John and Margaret (Lantz) Zaebst. After marriage they lived on this place, the young daughter-in-law assisting to care for her husband's parents until the end of their lives. To Mr. and Mrs. Zaebst the following children were born: Frances, who is the wife of Curtis Brown, residing near New Washington; Aaron, O., who was accidentally killed by a railroad train in his 21st year; John, who married Katherine Huber and lives at New Washington; William, who married Ada Reiter and lives at Bucyrus; Adam, who married Alvira Gangloff and lives at Akron, O.; Frank, who married Jennie Gosshorne and lives at Ashtabula, O.; Ottis, who married Rosa Mough and resides at Ashtabula; Rufus, who married Lulu Fultz and lives at Galion; Nora, who is the wife of Eikes Gable and lives at New Washington, and Fred E., who manages the home farm and is in the third generation to occupy it, and who married Clara Kessler.

Mr. and Mrs. Zaebst passed many happy years together on this old farm, carrying on its industries, rearing their children and offering pleasant hospitality to many friends. Here Mr. Zaebst died in his 66th year and his burial was in the Lutheran Cemetery, he having been a member of that church. He was a quiet, home-loving man, careful about his business affairs and a good neighbor as well as kind husband and father. He believed in the principles of the Democratic party and voted with that organization. Mrs. Zaebst is a member of the German Lutheran church. She has witnessed many changes take place in this part of the country and can recall interesting events that have come under her own notice.

PETER BOEHM, furniture dealer and undertaker, a member of the well known firm of Poister & Boehm, at Galion, O., is one of this city's most respected citizens. He was born in Hesse Darmstadt, Germany, in 1845, and is a son of George and Lizzie M. (Klinger) Boehm.

George Boehm was born in Germany and lost his own father when two years of age but was reared by a kind step-father, became a farmer and died in his native land in 1854, when aged 57 years. He married the daugh-

ter of a neighbor, Lizzie M. Klinger, who was born in 1800 and died in 1862. They were members of the State Lutheran church. Their family consisted of seven sons and one daughter, and the daughter and three of the sons came to the United States. Of these, two sons survive, Peter and Henry, both being successful business men of Galion and fathers of families.

Peter Boehm grew to manhood in his native province and then fulfilled the law of his country by serving three years as a soldier and then learned the cabinet making trade, working afterward as a journeyman. He then determined to come to the United States, Galion, O., being the point where he proposed to enter into business. He crossed the Atlantic Ocean in the ship Vera Cruz, and was landed at New York. Mr. Boehm secured passage to Galion on a coal train and gives some idea of its velocity when he tells in an amusing style, how he and other passengers could jump off the car as it passed cherry orchards, gather some fruit and then catch up with the train by a little speeding. It was fortunate that the fruit could be so obtained as there was little food to be secured and he paid as much as sixty-five cents for a loaf of bread.

After reaching Galion, Mr. Boehm worked as a journeyman cabinet maker for some years, for seven years was employed as a general carpenter, and for two years engaged as carpenter contractor. In 1882 he formed his present partnership with Henry Poister and the firm has been continued ever since and as a business house is stable and reliable in every way. In his political views he is a Democrat.

Mr. Boehm was married (first) at Galion, to Miss Elizabeth Muth, who was born in this city in 1853 and died in 1880, the mother of three children, namely: Anna, who is the wife of William Karg, residing at Shelby, O., and has one daughter, Laura; Katie, who is the wife of William Sickles, of Galion, and has four children—Lillian, Wallace, Magdaline and Elizabeth; and Hammond, who died at the age of twenty-five years. Mr. Boehm was married (second) in September, 1882, to Miss Felecedas Bohl, who was born Feb. 21, 1853, at Galion, a daughter of Henry and Felecedas Bohl. The parents of Mrs. Boehm were born

and educated at Baden Baden, Germany, where they married when they reached mature age. They joined others, friends and kindred, who were emigrating to America. Among the articles they brought with them was a comfortably filled hay wagon and this supplied them with a clean bed during the long voyage, and after landing at the port of New York they still found further use for it. Securing an ox-team they attached the same to the hay wagon and started on their slow way to Galion, O. It took some weeks to make the overland journey but it was comfortably accomplished, camps being made on the way as occasion or inclination demanded. This quiet journey over the country gave them a better knowledge of its topography than was ever afterward afforded them, for Mr. Bohl soon bought a tract of wild land and for years afterward the clearing and cultivating of this land and the rearing of their children centered their lives in one place. On their old farm now is situated a part of the Galion Protestant Cemetery. Here Henry Bohl and wife died, she in March, 1889, aged 77 years, and he four years later, in his 81st year. They were among the founders of the German Lutheran church at Galion. Mr. and Mrs. Boehm have two children: Carl and Minnie. The former was born May 13, 1888, attended the public schools and later the Barnes Sanitary Science and Embalming School, at Chicago, Ill., securing his license from this institution. He resides at home. The daughter, Minnie, is the wife of Harry Albright, who is pay roll clerk for the Erie Railroad at Galion. Mr. and Mrs. Boehm with their children, belong to the German Lutheran church.

J. F. SPONSELLER, who carries on mixed farming in sections 11 and 14, Cranberry township, Crawford county, O., where he owns 120 acres of valuable land, resides in the former section, his residence standing three-fourth mile west of the center of New Washington, O. He was born in Seneca county, O., Oct. 21, 1865, and is a son of John and Elizabeth (Kirgis) Sponseller.

John Sponseller and wife were born in Seneca county. He followed farming for some years but his death occurred at the early age of 33 and his burial was in the Lutheran cemetery in Chatfield township. His widow

survives and makes her home with her three children. She is a member of the Lutheran church.

J. F. Sponseller was 12 years old when he came to Crawford county and has remained here until the present and has always followed an agricultural life. He bought his farm from the heirs of old residents, a part being known as the R. Smith farm and the others as the Swope and Adam High farms. Under Mr. Sponseller's methods of cultivation all the land has been made very productive and he raises cattle, sheep and hogs and grows grain and hay.

Mr. Sponseller married Miss Emma Ott, who was born at New Washington, a daughter of Gotfried and Caroline Ott and they have one son, Floyd R., who is attending college at Columbus. In politics, Mrs. Sponseller is a Democrat. He is a leading citizen of his township, interested in all that concerns its welfare and for ten years has been a member of the village school board.

FRANCIS M. SCHRECK,* lumber manufacturer and dealer, with sawmill located at Frederick, Knox county, O., is well known in the lumber industry all through this section of Ohio, having been interested in Knox, Crawford and Morrow counties for 22 years. He was born at Olentangy, O., Nov. 11, 1854, and is a son of David and Belinda (Scherer) Schreck.

David Schreck was born in 1829, in Pennsylvania and came to Ohio with his parents, Andrew and Elizabeth Schreck. The family located first at Bucyrus and later purchased an unimproved tract of land in Whetstone township, Crawford county. Andrew Schreck and wife both died in Ohio. They were members of the Lutheran church. David Schreck assisted his father on the place in Whetstone township. He married Belinda Scherer, who was born in 1832, in Crawford county, O., a daughter of John and Sarah (Keiffer) Scherer. She died at the age of 58 years but Mr. Schreck lived into his 73d year. He was a farmer and also a veterinary surgeon. They were members of the Lutheran church. They had eleven children born to them, six sons and five daughters, and nine of these grew to maturity and married and eight yet survive.

Francis M. Schreck started to work in a saw-mill after his school days were past and has been a lumber manufacturer since 1890, and prior to locating at Frederick, operated for a time at Mt. Gilead, in Morrow county, but for 27 years has maintained his home at Galion, where he is a representative and respected citizen.

Mr. Schreck was married at Galion to Miss Anna Rorick, who was born at Winchester, O., Feb. 12, 1854, and they have had the following children: an infant that died unnamed; Lillian, who is the wife of Charles Kinson, a farmer in Morrow county; Leslie, a sawmill operator, who resides at Mt. Gilead and has a family of one son and two daughters; Rosa, who died when aged one year; Pearley, who died at the age of four years; Toney, who is the wife of Clifford Lacy, who is in the real estate business at Shelby, O., and has one daughter Bertha, who is the wife of Roy Snyder, and has one daughter, and resides at Shelby; and Irvin, who operates his father's fine farm of 240 acres, situated in Morrow county, one of the best farms in Washington township. Mr. Schreck and family belong to the Martin Lutheran church and he and his sons vote with the Republican party.

PHILLIP W. COYER, whose finely improved farms of 116 acres and 81 acres of productive land lie in Vernon township, Crawford county, O., four and one-half miles northeast of Crestline, is a leading citizen of this section, prominent in agricultural, political and church circles. He was born in Crawford county in 1860, and is a son of Paul and Sarah (Beach) Coyer.

The parents of Mr. Coyer were also born in Crawford county, the father in 1838 and the mother in 1840. Farming was the occupation of Paul Coyer throughout life. His family consisted of five children; Phillip W., subject of this sketch; Henry, who lived on the home farm until his death, Feb. 17, 1910, married Maggie Mink; Frederick, who lives in Vernon township, married Lizzie Heckler; Lavina, who lives at Crestline, married David Bloom; and Louisa, who is the wife of Henry Fisher, lives in Vernon township.

Philip W. Coyer attended the public schools and lived on the home farm assisting his father

until he was 22 years of age, after which, for one year, he worked by the month for other farmers, then married and came to the present farm which then contained 116 acres. He has since purchased a farm of 81 acres and now has two of the best farms in all this section of Crawford county. He is progressive and enterprising, has made many improvements including the erection of a fine residence and two substantial barns, and carries on all his undertakings with a large measure of success.

Mr. Coyer was married to Miss Caroline Fisher, a daughter of Louis and Barbara (Bauer) Fisher, and they have four children: Lizzie, who is the wife of Roy Heckler and lives at Crestline; Edna, who is the wife of Frank Bilsing, and lives two miles east of Galion; and Mada and Esther who reside at home. Mrs. Coyer has the following brothers and sisters: John, Adam, Louis, Henry, William, Catherine, Anna and Elizabeth and one half sister, Mrs. Margaret Snyder. Mr. Coyer and family are members of the Lutheran church, of which he has long been a trustee and is a deacon in the same. In politics he is a Democrat and on numerous occasions has been elected to local offices and has served with efficiency as road supervisor and as township trustee.

JEFFERSON MARQUART, who is serving in his second term as township trustee of Cranberry township, Crawford county, O., is one of the leading citizens of this section and a member of an old Ohio family. He was born in Cranberry township, Crawford county, Oct. 4, 1858, and is a son of Michael and Caroline W. (Longyear) Marquart.

Michael Marquart was born in Baden, Germany, April 27, 1817. His parents were Michael and Margaret (Fechter) Marquart, and at the time of death was the only survivor of their five children. The older Michael Marquart and wife spent their entire lives in Germany. He was a farmer by occupation and during the financial panic of 1817 lost his property and afterward worked for wages as a farm hand. The younger Michael remained in his parents' home until 18 years of age, when he apprenticed himself to learn the brick and stone mason trade, and later, believing

that he could better his financial condition in the United States, started for America accompanied by a sister. They took passage on a steamer that conveyed them down the River Rhine to Havre-de-Grace, and there embarked on a sailing vessel and were safely landed in New York harbor Aug. 12, 1839, after a voyage of 51 days.

When Michael Marquart reached New York he found his capital had dwindled down to about two dollars but he was fortunate in having made a friend of a fellow passenger who offered him a loan if he would accompany him on to Ohio. Accordingly young Michael and his sister proceeded on their way to Tuscarawas county, O., where he found work in the ore mines near New Philadelphia and with his first wage he honestly returned the sum he had borrowed from his new found friend. He soon secured work at his trade and found constant employment at one thing or another, providently saving his money, until, when he reached Crawford county he had enough capital with which to buy 69 acres of land in Cranberry township. A log cabin had been erected by the first settler but little clearing had been done, and that cabin served as his home until 1861, when he erected a substantial farm-house. In 1862 he bought 27 acres adjoining his first purchase and later added 18 additional acres and still later he bought other land: one farm of 77 acres and a second one of 80 acres, both in Cranberry township and one of 36 acres in Seneca county. He improved his land, gave it careful tillage and reaped abundant harvests. In 1844 he married Catherine Streile, who was born in Germany and they had five children, the only survivor being Caroline, wife of William Longyear. This wife died in 1854 and in 1855 he married Caroline W. Longyear, who was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, and when 26 years of age accompanied her father, Michael Longyear, to America. Her father died at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Marquart. Seven children were born to the second union, five of whom are living, namely: August, who is a farmer in Cranberry township; Jefferson, our subject; George, who lives on the old farm; Wilhelmina, wife of William Beckstine, of Cranberry township; and Emma, wife of Frank Leonhart, of Chatfield township. The mother

of these children passed away March 13, 1900, she being in her 72d year.

In politics Mr. Marquart was a Democrat. He was a member of the German Evangelical Lutheran church, in which he held office for many years, serving as trustee, deacon and elder.

Jefferson Marquart attended the district schools in Cranberry township and after his school days were over engaged in farming and after his first marriage located on his father's Seneca county land, where his wife, Maggie Reidel Marquart, died in 1884. She was born in Chatfield township, Crawford county, a daughter of Conrad Reidel. The only child born to that marriage is deceased. Mr. Marquart was married second, Jan. 2, 1887, to Miss Mary E. Shade, who was born in Seneca county, O., a daughter of William and Anna (Deisler) Shade, and they have one daughter, Rosa A. C., who is the wife of William Long, who is a resident of Cranberry township, living on her father's farm of 80 acres, which lies northeast of town.

Mr. Marquart continued to live in Seneca county for four more months and then moved to Cranberry township settling in its northern part, and now resides on a tract of eleven and one-half acres, which is known as the Andrew Smith farm and lies within the corporate limits of New Washington. He erected the buildings here and has an attractive, modern residence at the end of East Mansfield street. He is a member of the Lutheran church and has served as a member of the church council. In politics he is a Democrat but has never accepted any office except that of school director in Cranberry township, in which he served usefully and conscientiously for six years. He is a stockholder in the New Washington Lumber and Manufacturing Company.

JACOB H. PETRI, a prominent clothing man and merchant tailor, at Galion, O., doing business at No. 133 East Main street, has been identified with commercial affairs here under his own name, for the past 37 years. He was born Sept. 15, 1846, at Holtshossen, Hesse Darmstadt, Germany, a son of John and Elizabeth (Yeider) Petri.

The parents of Mr. Petri were natives also of Hesse Darmstadt and the father died there

in 1855, at the age of 48 years, and the mother when aged 73 years. They were members of the Lutheran church. The father was a small farmer. Of their family of six children, four reached maturity but there are only two survivors: Jacob H. and John, the latter still following farming in Germany.

Jacob H. Petri attended the German schools until he was 14 years of age and then became apprenticed to a tailor and continued working at that trade until 1866, when he took passage on the steamer *America*, for the United States. He was safely landed at Castle Garden, New York City, and from there came to Ohio, in the city of Cleveland finding employment at his trade. One year later he located at Hudson, O., from there going to Akron, where he was employed as a cutter in tailoring establishments. He then came to Galion and on March 1, 1875, started into business here on South Market street, for the first ten years confining himself to merchant tailoring and then adding ready made clothing, hats and caps, and also a general line of seasonable goods to his stock, in 1897 removing to his present excellent location. He is one of the solid, reliable and representative business men of Galion.

Mr. Petri was married at Akron, O., to Miss Margaretta Byrider, who was born at Akron, and died at Galion at the age of 55 years. Her parents, John and Elizabeth (Strovel) Byrider came from Bavaria, Germany, to the United States in 1832, settling first at Cleveland and later moving to Akron, where both died in old age. To Mr. and Mrs. Petri the following children were born: Edward William, a business man of Galion, who married Lillie Miller, a daughter of Herman F. Miller, of Bucyrus, and has one son, Kenneth Miller, a bright boy of five years; Otto G., who is associated with his father and is an expert cutter, and who married Louisa Crowley of Galion and has one daughter, Elizabeth M.; Laura E., who resides with her father; Stella Anna, who is the wife of William F. Lauer, a resident of Memphis, Tenn., and has one daughter, Florence G.; Florence, who resides at home; and Richard, who died when aged 16 months. Mrs. Petri and family belong to the German Lutheran church. He and sons are all affiliated with the Democratic party,

in which he has been an important factor for a number of years. For four years Mr. Petri served on the city council, for six years was a trustee of the township and seven years served as county commissioner. He was one of the organizers of the Galion Building and Loan Association and is yet on its directing board.

REV. JOHN P. KUNNERT, pastor of St. Bernard's Roman Catholic church, at New Washington, O., was born Oct. 27, 1856, in the grand-duchy of Luxemburg, Germany, and is a son of Henry and Magdalena (Scheurens) Kunnert.

Henry Kunnert lived and died in the province in which he was born, married and reared his children. Both he and wife were faithful Catholics and were good and worthy people. They lived into old age, the father dying in his 76th year and the mother still lives, being in her 85th year. Of their family of seven children, six yet survive although scattered in their homes, one son living in South America.

John P. Kunnert remembers well the old homestead in which he was born and which had been the birthplace of his father, grandfather and great-grandfather. He was of an unusually bright mind in youth and was afforded excellent educational advantages, attending school in Belgium and in France and completing agricultural, commercial and philosophical courses, prior to coming to America to enter a theological seminary at Cleveland, O. After completing his studies there he was appointed pastor of the church at Harrisburg, Stark county, O., where he remained for two and one-half years; then for one and one-half years was assistant pastor at St. Peter's church at Cleveland, O., when he returned to Harrisburg and remained with the church there from 1890 until 1899. In September of that year he was appointed pastor of St. Bernard's church at New Washington and has continued here ever since.

The church over which Rev. Kunnert presides has a very interesting history. In 1844 about twelve German Catholic families, living in and near New Washington, were detached from St. Stephen's congregation, in Seneca county, and formed into a separate mission,

and Father Trawin Brunner was the first priest to visit this now congregation. For nearly two years mass was said in private houses. In 1846 a small frame edifice was erected for church purposes built on land bought May 21, 1846. In these early days the present site of New Washington was covered with swamps and trees and the first priest who passed through here, Rev. F. N. Tchenhens, in 1840, said mass and administered religious consolation in the house of a Mr. Wurst, which stood where the town has since been built. Mass was also said at different times in the house of John Oult. The twelve heads of families who composed the congregation at New Washington were: Peter Young, John Fortner, Joseph Wurst, Mathew Saehnhoff, John Oult, Timothy McCarthy, Casper Dellos, Nicholas Kiefer, Peter Mueller, Mathew Kramer, Peter Gonlong and Benedict Uhl. They bought a lot from Mr. Meier, for the sum of thirteen dollars and in 1842 hewed the timber for the first St. Bernard church and the first church was built in 1843 by B. Pratt, he receiving one hundred dollars for framing it. In the next year it was roofed and by 1845 the little church was completed and stood as a record of Catholic zeal.

In 1844 the Right Reverend Bishop Purcell paid his first episcopal visit and in 1850, the Right Reverend Bishop Rappe visited the place for the first time. The congregation had made preparations to give their bishop a formal welcome but he had anticipated them and was at the church before they started to meet him. During his visit he baptized Margaret, daughter of Peter Young, who at present is a Sister in the Sacred Heart of Mary Convent, at Cleveland, O. Almost immediately plans were made for the establishing of a school in connection with the church, for this congregation has always been an intelligent one and school sessions were held in the church building until 1852. Among the priests who visited and remained with the congregation for a time were the following clergy. Rev. F. S. Brunner came May 27, 1844, and remained until June, 1845. Rev. John Wittmer came in 1847. In 1848 came Rev. John Van Benbrock, and in 1852, Rev. Kreusch, who left May 27, 1852. From that time until Oct. 14, 1852, the mission was visited by Rev. Willibald Willi and

from then until his return in the same year, it was visited by Rev. P. A. Capeda. Also, between 1841 and 1856 the following priests are mentioned in the church annals as having attended the New Washington congregation: Rev. August Berger, Rev. Sebastian Ganter, Rev. Clement Sweitzer, Rev. John Albright, Rev. Andrew Heibstridt, Rev. Nicholas Gales, Rev. Willibald Willi, from Thompson, and Rev. Peter Kruesch, from Shelby settlement. In May, 1856, Rev. Peter Wilhelmy succeeded and in the same year, Rev. Rochus Schnely became pastor. From December, 1856, until Oct. 4, 1857, Rev. Erhardt Glueck attended the congregation, the three last named priests coming from Thompson, O.

The first resident pastor of St. Bernard was Rev. Andrews Dambach and he served from Dec. 7, 1859, until May 9, 1865. He, like all the priests who had preceded him, with two exceptions, was a Sanquinist Father. Rev. M. Becker was the next resident pastor and he served from July 24, 1865, to June, 1881. Almost immediately after taking charge he began taking up subscriptions for the building of a new church, which was rendered necessary, as the congregation by this time had far outgrown the first little church which had been erected by such hard work. He sold the old place on March 31, 1868, and bought a five-acre plat of ground, comprising ten town lots, fronting on Mansfield street, New Washington, paying \$1,400 for the same. In the same year the work was started and the brick church was completed by the end of the following year. It is of Gothic architecture and its cost approximated \$25,000. It was dedicated by Right Reverend Bishop Gilmour, Oct. 19, 1879. Father Becker made many more improvements in the parish before his departure. In June, 1881, he was succeeded by Rev. Lawrence Heiland and it was during his pastorate that an acre of ground was bought for a cemetery and he also improved the church property. In 1886 Rev. John George Vogt became pastor and remained until 1899, in September of which year he was succeeded by Rev. John P. Kunnert.

Father Kunnert has not only continued the work done for St. Bernard by his predecessors but his plans have far outrun them. He has improved every part of the church property,

has put in a beautiful new altar, has enlarged the school buildings and improved the parsonage, and has introduced steam heating and electric lighting. From this congregation a new church at Honey Creek was formed but the present congregation includes 85 families, there are 94 pupils in the parochial school and it is under the care of two Sisters of St. Francis, from Tiffin, O., while Father Kunnert teaches the Bible and catechism. In addition to attending to the spiritual needs and looking after the material welfare of his church here, Father Kunnert developed a church from a mission at New Auburn. He owns a farm at Upper Sandusky and takes interest in seeing good stock through the country.

WILLIAM T. RESCH, senior member of the well known hardware firm of Resch & Casey, at Galion, O., is a native of this city and has been in the hardware trade since he was 15 years of age. He was born Feb. 3, 1865, and is a son of Adolph and Mary (Purkey) Resch.

Adolph Resch was born in Baden, Germany, in 1837, and was nine years old when he accompanied his parents to America. Early in the forties they became residents of Galion, O., and here Adolph grew to manhood and learned the tinner's trade, one that he followed for the rest of his life, doing his last bit of work for the firm of Resch & Casey. He was a Democrat in politics, at one time was connected actively with the Odd Fellows and at the time of death, in 1904, was a member of the English Lutheran church. He was married at Galion to Mary Purkey, who was born in Pennsylvania and when young was brought to Galion by her parents, Joseph and Margaret (Kern) Purkey. Joseph Purkey was well known in business circles and dealt extensively in horses for the eastern markets. Nine children were born to Adolph Resch and wife, two of whom died young, and all of the seven survivors but one live in Crawford county, and all married with the exception of one son.

After his school days were over, William T. Resch learned his business and is a practical mechanic, entirely qualified as a tinner and plumber and also thoroughly acquainted with

the entire hardware business. On April 1, 1892, William T. Resch, with his brother, Harry P. Resch and Forest Casey, formed a partnership under the firm style of Resch Bros. & Casey, which continued as such until 1904, when Harry P. Resch withdrew and since then the other partners have conducted the business under its present name. The store is located at No. 123 East Main street and has a 24-foot frontage, with 196 back, running entirely across the lot to the next block, the back part of the building being utilized as a tin shop and warerooms. A heavy stock is carried and the reputation of the firm is so well established that its business continues prosperous year after year.

Mr. Resch was married to Miss Emma Rensch, who was born at Galion and is a daughter of Henry Rensch, who came to this city from Germany, in the fifties. By trade he was a boilermaker and for many years was in the employ of the railroad companies here. Mr. and Mrs. Resch are members of the English Lutheran church, in which Mr. Resch is a member of the choir, having sung in the church choirs in Galion since boyhood. Politically he is a Democrat and fraternally is a Mason, Knight of Pythias and Elk.

ADAM F. HIGH, one of the most progressive and successful agriculturists of Crawford county, O., owns 154 acres of fine improved land, situated in section 25, Cranberry township, where he resides and has all the comforts and conveniences of modern life. He was born northwest of New Washington, O., Jan. 12, 1864, and is a son of Michael and a grandson of Adam High, an old and substantial family of this section.

Adam F. High started to school in Cranberry township and then attended the High School at New Washington and was graduated in the class of 1884, after which he took a course in the Ohio Normal School at Ada, O. For some ten years afterward he engaged in teaching school, both in Cranberry and Lykens townships, and then turned his attention to insurance and undertaking, in which lines he continued for nine years. At the end of that time he sold to High & De Roche and then engaged in farming on the place on which Jacob Lererer now lives, in Cranberry town-

ship, and remained there for four years. After selling that farm he removed to New Washington and for one year was engaged in selling farm machinery. Mr. High then purchased his present property from the Harris heirs. It is known as Cloverdale Farm and is situated two miles south of New Washington. One of the first undertakings he entered into after taking possession was to remodel all the buildings and perhaps there are no better farm and stock structures in all Crawford county than on Mr. High's place. He has built a thoroughly modern and sanitary barn and has introduced a water system so that his stock can be watered in their stalls. He has the reputation of being a farmer who can produce, from his well tilled and scientifically fertilized land, two bushels of grain where other less enterprising agriculturists could raise but one, but the main feature of the farm is the raising and feeding of cattle, sheep and hogs, large shipments being made annually.

Mr. High married Miss Caroline Aschbacher, a daughter of William Aschbacher, and they have eight children: Laurie A., J. Proctor, Russell F., E. Ferdinand, C. Milton, Chester A., Herbert L. and Ruth P. Mr. High and family are members of the Lutheran church. He is a prominent factor in Democratic politics in Crawford county having served as a delegate to state conventions, and served two terms as a member of the New Washington School Board, being clerk of that body. He has served two terms as clerk of the corporation.

ELIAS STIGER, who owns 122 acres of some of the choicest land in Dallas township, Crawford county, O., on which he successfully carries on farming, is one of the self-made men who can attribute his financial independence entirely to his own industry and good management. Mr. Stiger was born in Lycoming county, Pa., April 20, 1857, and is a son of Jacob and Sophia (Entz) Stiger.

The parents of Mr. Stiger were also born in Lycoming county and died on their farm there, the mother in middle age and the father when farther advanced. He was twice married, first to Sophia Entz and second to Mary Plankenhoorn. The children of the first union were: Elias, Levi, George W., Samuel, Wil-

liam and Julia, while those of the second marriage were: Pierce, Henry, Mary and Lydia.

Elias Stiger was given common school advantages in his native section and remained with his father until he was about 20 years of age when he came to Ohio. He found himself in Crawford county, among strangers, with a capital of seven dollars in his pocket, but he did not long remain a stranger, for he readily made friends, and as he immediately secured farm work with James Miller, he was able to add to his capital. After one year with Mr. Miller he engaged to work by the month for Anthony Houser, with whom he remained for three years and then worked for one year for Dr. Miller. About this time Mr. Stiger married and then rented land until 1896, when he purchased his present farm from Oliver Monnett. On the land at that time stood a small house and barn but in his improving, Mr. Stiger has repaired the former and replaced the latter with a very commodious and substantial one. He carries on general farming and raises enough stock for his own use and is numbered with the prosperous agriculturists of the township.

Mr. Stiger was married in 1881 to Miss Emma Crissinger, who is a daughter of William Crissinger, and they have the following children: Loma, who was a successful school teacher before marriage, who is the wife of Walter Schiefer, and has two children—Ellis and Weldon; Bertha, who, like her sister, taught school acceptably for several years, and is now the wife of Loren Spiece and has one daughter, Esther; and Gerald and Zella, both of whom are at home. Mr. Stiger and family attend the Methodist Episcopal church. He gives his political support to the Democratic party.

ROBERT W. JOHNSTON was born near Hayesville, Ashland county, O., where he resided until 1876, when he became a student in the law office of the late H. C. Carhart, at Galion. After the usual time spent at district school, he attended Vermillion Institute, at Hayesville, and pursued his professional studies during the full course at the law school of Cincinnati College. Upon admission to the bar in Hamilton county, in May, 1879, he entered into partnership with his preceptor, Mr. Carhart, and has continuously resided at Galion,



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but for several years has devoted much of his time to business interests at Columbus. He has served his city as solicitor and mayor.

His father, Thomas Johnston, was born at Frederick, Md., soon after the arrival of his parents from County Fermanagh, Ireland, the family later moving to Uniontown, Pa. In 1828, when eighteen, Thomas came to that part of Richland county now included in Ashland county, walking the entire distance. Soon after becoming of age he became what is commonly known as a "Wagoner," and for a number of years, and till the advent of the railroad, engaged in wagoning, with six horse teams, the products of the west to Pittsburg, Baltimore and Philadelphia, returning with merchandise from these cities to the merchants of Ohio. Later, farming became his occupation, and he was among the first in his part of the state to engage in raising Durham or Short Horn cattle.

Sarah (Workman) Johnston, mother of Robert W., was born at Gettysburg, Pa., her father settling in the eastern part of Richland, now Ashland, county in 1815, when he purchased land from Baptiste Jerome, from whom Jerome's Town, an Indian town or village located near the present village of Jeromeville, derived its name. She died at Galion, Jan. 27, 1893, in her eightieth year. Her father, Joseph Workman, was born in County Monaghan, Ireland, and came to America when quite young with his father, who was one of a class who holds an honored place in our country's history, "The Irish School-Master." Joseph Workman was justice of the peace in an early day in Richland county, and was the first president of the Ashland County Agricultural Society. He served with a Pennsylvania regiment in the War of 1812, and two of his uncles, Hugh Workman and James Workman, were with Col. Crawford in his disastrous campaign against Sandusky.

JOHN K. ZERBE, one of the highly respected retired citizens of Sulphur Springs, Crawford county, O., and a valued member of the Grand Army of the Republic post at Bucyrus, was born in 1838, in Schuylkill county, Pa., and is a son of George and Hannah Zerbe.

In 1856 Mr. Zerbe came to Crawford county, O., and began to learn the carpenter

trade with Jacob Shull and continued work as a carpenter and on his father's farm for five years. In 1862 he began work in the coal mines in Pennsylvania and in the fall of the same year was drafted into service for the Civil War on the nine-months call, was accepted and served as corporal of Co. F, 173rd Pa. Inf., and at the expiration of ten months received an honorable discharge and returned home, but on Feb. 29, 1864, he enlisted in Co. A, 50th Pa. Vol. Inf., which belonged to the First Div., Ninth Army Corps. He remained in the army until the close of the war and was a second time honorably discharged, on April 30, 1865. During his second period of service he took part in the battles of the Wilderness, Nye River and Spottsylvania Court House and at the last named place he was made a prisoner and only by good fortune and quick action escaped. When a squad of Union soldiers, by chance met the Confederates by whom he was held, he suddenly made a dash from the ranks of prisoners and soon after rejoined his regiment.

In 1868 Mr. Zerbe moved to Crawford county, buying a farm of 76 acres and later purchasing 120 acres and engaged in farming and stock raising for some years and then came to Sulphur Springs and here followed his trade. In the meanwhile he bought the hotel property of M. Heiby and three other desirable properties, all of which he still owns. In 1894 he was appointed postmaster of Sulphur Springs and during his term he was also engaged here in the hardware business. He then retired and spent three years at Bucyrus but for the past four years has maintained his home at Sulphur Springs.

In 1859 Mr. Zerbe was married to Miss Elizabeth Munding, a daughter of Leonard and Hannah (Wolf) Munding, and eight children were born to them, as follows: Alvin P., who married Emma Berry, who died in 1900, has one son, Charles Henry; Henry Albert, who died Dec. 12, 1870, at the age of 18 years; John Wesley, who resides at New Washington, Crawford county, married Tillie Gossman and their one son, Ora, married Huldah Marks and have two children—Helen and Beta Irene; Lewis Washington, who resides at Cleveland, O., married Jane Flickinger; William P., who lives at Shelby, O., married Letta Weidemyer and their one son.

Frank E., married Grace Overlander and they reside at Bucyrus; Grant A., who is a resident of Sandusky City, O., married Frances Teel and they have one son, Claude; Ida, who died when aged one year and four months; and Laura S., who married H. Frank Snyder, and they live at Wadsworth, O. Mr. Zerbe has always been a good and reliable citizen and is known all over Crawford county and for two terms was one of the directors of the Crawford County Infirmary.

GEORGE H. KICHLINE, who is sole proprietor and manager of The Old Honesty Hatchery, which occupies over ten acres on the town limits of New Washington, O., at the end of East Mansfield street, and is an important business enterprise of this place, was born in Northampton county, Pa., Aug. 5, 1862.

Mr. Kichline came first to Crawford county in 1884 and spent two years as a farmer three and one-half miles southeast of New Washington. He was unmarried and free to follow his own fancy so he concluded to visit Florida but six months convinced him that for a man of his energy a different section of the country would be more congenial. He then went back to Hellertown, his native place, and worked there in the steel mill and a planing mill, and also, for two years, was a brakeman on a railroad. From there he drifted to Tiffin, O., and in that city secured employment as conductor on a street car line, that being before electricity had been introduced as a motive agent, and drove a car for three years. After marriage he lived for seven years at Northampton Heights and New Bethlehem, Pa., and then moved to Rockaway, in Crawford county, O., where he operated a farm of 100 acres for a time. In the meanwhile Mr. Kichline had been carefully looking into the profits of the hatchery, or egg and poultry business, and had convinced himself that the undertaking, if properly conducted, could not fail of success. He moved then to his present place on East Mansfield street, where he built his hatchery, doing all the grading and constructing himself. He started with P. F. Lantz as a partner, who did the office work and correspondence, while Mr. Kichline was general overseer and manager. Mr. Kichline bought this land in 1907 and since the

fall of 1910 has been sole proprietor, and outside of his own family conducts an immense business with the assistance of two men. His two ell-shaped buildings are 20 x 50 feet, with an addition of 20 x 33 feet, all under one roof, and another with dimensions of 10 x 31. The business is providing pure grade eggs for hatching and early chickens for market and sales are made all over the United States, in Argentine Republic, South America and in Canada, the trade mark, The Old Honesty Hatchery, bearing with it the certainty of goods being just as represented.

At South Bethlehem, Pa., in 1891, Mr. Kichline was married to Miss Mary Hepp, a daughter of George Hepp, who died at New Washington, O. To Mr. and Mrs. Kichline five children have been born: Gertrude, who died in 1903, aged ten years; Warren Wilfred, who assists his father; and Catherine, Anna Isabelle and Mary Elizabeth. This is a musical family and the home concerts, with piano, violin and banjo selections, are worth going many miles to enjoy. Mr. Kichline is a stockholder and director in the Cranberry Nursery Company, of New Washington. In politics he is a Democrat but has always been too much of a business man to be willing to add to his cares the responsibilities of office. The family belongs to the Roman Catholic church.

JULIUS BRACHER, a retired merchant, capitalist and useful citizen of Galion, O., owner of valuable real estate and vice president of the Home Insurance Company of Galion, was born in the Prussian province of Nassau, Prussian-Germany, Aug. 9, 1843, and is a son of Jacob and Elizabeth (Krey) Bracher.

Jacob Bracher was born also at Nassua and when he reached the proper age entered the army for the necessary term of military service and after it was over engaged with a local produce firm that supplied a number of cities with its commodities. Three years after marriage he decided to seek better fortune in America and in 1854 set sail with his family for the United States, embarking at Havre, France and after many weeks on the ocean, landed safely in New York harbor. From there Jacob Bracher brought his family with him to Alliance, O., finding employment in that city and subsequently becoming a brick

contractor there, prospered and at the time of death, in 1865, was on the highway to a comfortable competency. He was reared in the Reformed church but at time of death was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. Shortly after reaching Alliance his wife had died of cholera, an epidemic then sweeping the country. She left three children: Julius, subject of this article; Charlotte, who married William Barr and has one daughter, Myrtle; and Victor, who died in California, when aged 56 years. After the death of his first wife, Jacob Bracher married Soloma Binkert, who died in 1907, at Alliance, O., when aged 76 years. She left two sons: John, a resident of Alliance, who is married and has two children; and Frank, who also resides with his family at Alliance.

Julius Bracher was reared at Alliance, O., and obtained his schooling there. When he left school he learned the machinist's trade but before he had a chance to establish a business the Civil War broke out and in 1861 he enlisted for service, entering Co. H, 19th O. Vol. Inf., as a private under Capt. P. A. Lobby, now Judge Lobby, of Salem, O. From the battle of Shiloh, in April, 1862, until the fall of Atlanta, in July, 1864, he participated in all the battles in which his regiment took part, including Stone River, Chickamauga, Missionary Ridge and Kenesaw Mountain, his honorable discharge being given him on Oct. 5, 1864, after the battle of Atlanta in which he proved himself a brave and helpful soldier. Although many of his comrades were either killed, captured or injured, he was fortunate enough to escape all these perils and returned home practically unharmed.

Mr. Bracher then went to work at his trade, continuing to live at Alliance until his marriage, in 1876, when he moved to Galion and here went into the grocery business for three years and afterward, for 25 years was in the clothing business, at the end of which period he retired from active business life. In all his undertakings Mr. Bracher displayed excellent judgment and prospered, and at the same time, retained the respect and esteem of his fellow citizens on account of his business integrity. He erected the Bracher Block in 1877 and still owns that property. In public matters he has been active and influential, serving at times in the city council and under a late law

was made a member of the board of sinking fund commissioners.

Mr. Bracher was married at Galion to Miss Hattie Riblet, who was born at Galion in 1850, her people being old settled ones in this section, and they have two children: Ora and Maybell. Both ladies have been carefully educated and the latter, after completing her college course at Springfield, taking first honors in her class, engaged in teaching and was very successful and exceedingly popular, both at Bucyrus and McKeesport, Pa. Mr. Bracher and family are members of the First English Lutheran church at Galion. Mr. Bracher is a Mason, belonging to the Blue Lodge at Galion, and is identified also with Dick Morris Post G. A. R.

ANDREW KAPLE, general farmer and highly respected citizen of Crawford county, O., resides on his valuable farm of 81 acres, which is situated in section 3, Cranberry township, one mile north of New Washington, was born Nov. 9, 1836, in Germany, a son of Andrew and Catherine Kaple.

The parents of Mr. Kaple came to America in 1850 and located in Ohio, acquiring a farm in Cranberry township, Crawford county, on which they lived for six years and then sold and moved to Putnam county, where they spent the rest of their lives.

Andrew Kaple was 14 years old when the family came to Crawford county and the larger portion of his life since then has been passed in the same county. For one year after marriage he continued to live in Cranberry township and then moved to Huron county, but eight years later came back to Cranberry township, where he subsequently bought the farm of Paul Miller. This is excellent property and Mr. Kaple has it all under cultivation with the exception of a valuable ten-acre timber tract, and the farm is drained by tiling. He found the buildings in fair condition, the residence only requiring remodeling.

Mr. Kaple was married to Miss Caroline Wachter, who was born at Rochester, N. Y., a daughter of Joseph and Madeline Wachter, and the following children have been born to them: Catherine, who is the wife of Joseph Welfle, of Henry county; Frank, who is a resident of Crestline, O.; Bernard, who lives at New Washington; Albert, who lives on the

home farm; and Josephine, Cecil and Rose, all of whom live at home, the youngest daughter being engaged as a clerk with the Miller Merchandise Company at New Washington. Mr. Kaple and family are members of St. Bernard's Catholic Church at New Washington. Mr. Kaple has never accepted any political office but he has been a strong Democrat all his mature life.

ALFRED E. WISMAN, whose highly cultivated farm of 81 acres lies four and one-half miles west of Bucyrus, O., in Holmes township, Crawford county, on the Oceola road, was born in this township, Dec. 3, 1863, and is a son of Frederick and Melissa (Aumiller) Wisman.

The parents of Mr. Wisman were also born in Crawford county, the family being pioneer ones in this section. Frederick Wisman is now retired but still retains his farm of 140 acres in Bucyrus township, on which he led a busy life for many years. He married Melissa Aumiller, a daughter of Daniel and Sarah Aumiller, and they had three children born to them, two sons and a daughter, namely: Alfred E.; Alice, who is the wife of Joseph Starner, residing at Bucyrus; and Charles, who lives in Bucyrus township.

Alfred E. Wisman went to school in Bucyrus township, where he grew up, and then helped his father, remaining at home for some time after his marriage and then lived for one year at Bucyrus. In 1894 he came to his present farm and on this place erected all the substantial structures except the barn. He has so enriched his land and so carefully cultivated it that it is numbered with the best farms of the township. Mr. Wisman raises the usual crops of this section of the state and each year puts out a fine lot of stock and if he is more successful than many of his neighbors it is because he devotes closer attention to these industries, having made this his life work. He is a Democrat in his political connection but has never accepted any office except that of being a member of the Board of Education.

Mr. Wisman was married Dec. 6, 1888, to Miss Kathryn Brown, a daughter of John and Kathryn (Christman) Brown, who formerly lived just east of Mr. Wisman. Mr. and Mrs. Wisman are members of the Luth-

eran church in Tod township, Crawford county.

A. G. LEDERER, whose fine stock farm of 86 acres lies in section 14, Cranberry township, Crawford county, O., on the south side of the east and west road, one-half mile east of New Washington, O., is one of the progressive, enterprising and successful men of this county. He was born in Cranberry township, Dec. 19, 1852, and is a son of Jacob and Magdalena (Domenwirth) Lederer, a grandson of Charles Lederer and George Domenwirth.

Jacob Lederer was born in Wurtemberg and his wife in Alsace, Germany, and they about five years old when they accompanied their parents to America. Jacob Lederer was reared in Stark county and before coming to the vicinity of New Washington, was employed in a livery stable at Wooster, O. Here he entered 80 acres of land situated one mile south and one mile east of New Washington, and here he became a well known and highly respected man and his death was felt a loss, when it occurred Aug. 19, 1857. His widow lived to be 81 years and six months.

A. G. Lederer attended school in Cranberry township and afterward at Lexington and Ada, O., following which he engaged in educational work and taught two terms in Chatfield township and 13 terms in Cranberry township, proving to be a very competent and popular teacher. For some 15 years he was engaged in a livery business at New Washington under the firm name of J. & A. G. Lederer. In 1905 he came to his present farm which he purchased from a Mr. Unger and which was formerly known as the Jane Hopkins farm. Here Mr. Lederer has pleased himself in making extensive improvements, erecting modern buildings and installing furnaces for heating and electric light for illumination. He raises Shorthorn cattle and Shropshire sheep and carries on his operations in a scientific manner. For 18 years Mr. Lederer has also been an auctioneer. He is a stockholder in the Toledo Life Insurance company of Toledo, O.

Mr. Lederer was married at Mansfield, O., to Miss Ella A. Hartupee, who died at the age of 55 years. She was a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal church and her burial

was in the Union cemetery at New Washington. She was the mother of five children, the two survivors being: Ora D., who is the wife of Dr. Sarbo, of New Washington; and Estella A., who is the wife of Fred Assenheimer, a druggist, at Woodville, O. Mr. Lederer was married (second) to Mrs. Emma Barnes, of Toledo, O., who in maiden life was Emma Bell, being the widow of George Barnes, at the time of her marriage to Mr. Lederer. The father of Mr. Lederer was a Democrat as is our subject but he prefers to keep an independent attitude, voting according to his own judgment. He belongs to the Cranberry Grange and is active in the Knights of Pythias. His parents were of the Lutheran faith but he is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

PHILIP HERBOLD, a well known business man of Galion, O., a member of the firm of The Herbold Company, dealers in furniture at No. 205 West Main street, was born, reared and educated at Galion and furthermore has always lived in the same city block which continues to be his home. He is a son of Philip and Fredericka (Feldman) Herbold.

Philip Herbold, the elder, was born in Baden, near Heidelberg, Germany, Feb. 20, 1820, and died at Galion, O., Jan. 18, 1911, when aged almost 90 years. His life was noteworthy on account of his successful struggle against adversity and his subsequent usefulness to his fellow citizens in his adopted country. Left an orphan at the age of six years, he grew up in the careless hands of strangers and early was thrown entirely upon his own resources. He learned the cabinet making trade and afterward traveled over a large part of Germany working as a journeyman, according to the law, and it was after his marriage that he determined to seek more favorable opportunities in America. On a sailing vessel he and his wife crossed the Atlantic ocean and were safely landed in the harbor of New York city, in 1845, immediately crossing the country to Buffalo, N. Y., where he found work in a piano factory. Although his wages there were but fifty cents a day, so careful and frugal were he and wife that in the space of three years they saved the sum of \$65 out of this small income and despite the expenses incident to a slight attack of cholera, during the

epidemic, this sum was kept intact and it was Mr. Herbold's sole capital when he started into business at Galion, O. He opened a shop on East Main street, near the present city hall, but shortly afterward secured better quarters, on West Main street and there he labored hard for many years. At first the larger part of his work was the making of coffins and it often entailed all-night and Sunday work. Later, as people came to realize the excellence of his furniture making, prosperity came to him and in the course of time he acquired considerable property and built the fine Herbold block on West Main street. He was a quiet, industrious man all his active life, reliable in every situation and liberal in the support he gave to the Reformed church and at the time of death was the only trustee left of the original board when the church was organized. He survived his wife many years, her death occurring in November, 1893, her age being 68 years. They had eleven children born to them and the following survive: Sophia, who is the widow of Conrad Bohl, who died in 1911, having been a prominent contracting carpenter at Galion; Philip; Mary, who is the wife of G. H. Snyder, a machinist at Galion, and has two children—Walter and Leona; Fredrica; and Adam J., who is associated in business with his brother Philip. One daughter, Rosa, died at the age of sixteen years; one son, August, was survived by wife and two children; and another son, John, who died in August, 1910, is survived by his widow, who continues his undertaking business. The others died in infancy.

Philip Herbold attended the public schools at Galion in boyhood and practically grew up in his present business, giving his father assistance and learning all the details of furniture manufacturing and handling. He has fine quarters, occupying two floors of the building at No. 205 West Main street, his display room having dimensions of 100x21 feet, and he does an extensive business.

Mr. Herbold was married at Galion to Miss Mabel Wineland, who was born at Upper Sandusky, O., but was educated at Galion. They have one daughter, Muriel, who is the wife of Rev. R. J. Riblet, who is rector of Christ Episcopal church at Oberlin, O. Mr. Herbold is independent in politics and belongs to no fra-

ternal organization. He is a very practical business man. The younger member of the firm, Adam J. Herbold, belongs to the Elks. Philip Herbold is of an inventive turn of mind and has invented many things.

JOHN A. PUCHTA, who is a well known and highly respected resident of Crawford county, O., resides on his carefully cultivated farm of 30 acres, which lies in the northeastern part of Section 12, Cranberry township on the east and west road, which he has owned for the past 27 years. He was born in Bohemia, which is now a province of the Austria-Hungarian monarchy, Nov. 29, 1847, and was 20 years of age when he left his lofty mountains and fertile plains for a home in a far distant country.

John A. Puchta had learned the blacksmith trade and when he reached New Washington, O., found work at the same, working also at Chatfield, O. After two years of blacksmithing at New Washington, he went to Indiana as a blacksmith, and from there to Michigan and then back to Ohio and worked at his trade at Waynesburg until 1885, when he bought his present farm in Cranberry township. He built a new house and made other improvements including fencing his estate and has carried on general farming here until the present but is now somewhat retired.

Mr. Puchta married Miss Annie Levy, who was born also in Bohemia, a daughter of Powell Levy, and they have the following living children: Mary, Annie, Cecelia, Katie and Frank. One son and one daughter died in infancy, and Tella, Lena, and Lucy, before they were 14 years old. Mr. Puchta and family belong to the Roman Catholic church. Since coming to the United States he has been a hard working man and through his own efforts has gained a competency and comfortably reared his family. He has never joined any political party but may be counted on to cast his vote in support of all law-abiding measures.

MICHAEL LONG, a leading citizen of Sandusky township, Crawford county, O., township trustee and successful agriculturist, owns 160 acres of fine land which is situated ten miles northeast on the Bucyrus and

Shelby road. Mr. Long was born in 1879, in Chatfield township, Crawford county, O., and is a son of Daniel Long.

Daniel Long and wife were both born in Ohio and for many years have been well known and substantial farming people in Chatfield township. They have had the following children: George, Michael, Daniel, Mary, Samuel, Katie, Regina, William, Lydia and Frederica and John, twins. Of the above family, George, who married Georgina Scheiber, is a farmer in Midland county, Mich. Daniel was killed by an accident, at the age of 23 years. Mary is the wife of F. B. Durr and they live at Bucyrus. Samuel lives in Michigan. He married Carrie Lust. Katie is the wife of George Kalb and they live in Liberty township, Crawford county. Regina is the wife of Frederick Leonhard and they live in Morrow county, O. The other members of the family, with the exception of Michael, live on the old homestead in Chatfield township.

Michael Long obtained his education in the public schools and remained with his father until his majority and then, before settling down for himself, spent some time in travel and visited Canada, New York and a number of the western states but found no section that pleased him better than Crawford county. Since his marriage he has devoted himself to agricultural pursuits and according to the land appraiser's report, owns one of the best farms in Sandusky township. It is well improved and carefully cultivated.

Michael Long married Miss Sarah E. Kalb, who is a daughter of Daniel and Magdalena (Hoss) Kalk, to whom were born four children: Calvin D., Milton M., Martha M. and Clinton C. Mr. and Mrs. Long are church people, and have a wide circle of friends and acquaintances. In politics he is a Democrat and is serving as township trustee and also as a member of the special district school board.

L. F. MOLLENKOPF, who owns 157 acres of fine land, situated in section 23, Cranberry township, Crawford county, O., is a native of Germany, where he was born Nov. 29, 1870, a son of John and Katie Mollenkopf.

In his native land Mr. Mollenkopf attended school until he was 16 years of age, when he prevailed upon his parents to permit him to

come to America where better chances might be found for young men with little capital. Thus he crossed the Atlantic ocean unaccompanied by any member of his own family and landed in the harbor of New York, going from there to Newark, N. J., where he remained one year and then made his way to Cleveland, O. In that city he remained for 17 years and then settled west of Bucyrus for six years and then left that farm and bought the one he has ever since occupied, in Cranberry township, from Jacob Lederer. He has taken a great deal of pride in his property and has put many improvements on it in the way of building, repairing and fencing. His farm has a fine situation, being located but one and one-half mile from New Washington, O., on the south side of the east and west road. He devotes his land to general farming. Mr. Mollenkopf has made his own way in the world and has secured his present independence through his industry and perseverance.

Mr. Mollenkopf was married (first) to Pauline Pfester, who was born in Germany and who left four children: Lewis John, Freda, Alma and Florence. He was married (second) to Christine Streib, who was born in Holmes township, Crawford county. They attend the Lutheran church. Mr. Mollenkopf is a Democrat in politics but is inclined to be independent in his views on public questions.

JAMES W. COULTER, whose sudden death on Sept. 2d, 1910, caused a shock, not only to the people of Galion, among whom he lived, but also throughout Crawford county generally, was a lawyer of prominence and was highly esteemed as a man and citizen. He was born in West Bedford, Coshocton county, O., July 4, 1846, a son of Richard M. and Phoebe (Greer) Coulter. The father, long since deceased, was a native of Cumberland county, Pa., and of German ancestry. His wife, Phoebe, whom he married in Ohio, was born in Belfast, Ireland, her people being prominent and well-to-do residents of that city. Coming to America, they settled in Coshocton county, O., where they spent the rest of their lives, except that Mrs. Phoebe Greer, after her husband's death, went to live with her son-in-law, O. W. Aldrich, LL. D., editor of the *Monthly Jurist*, at Bloomington, Illinois.

James W. Coulter was educated at Spring Mountain, Coshocton county, O., and later at Mt. Vernon, O. He subsequently took up his residence in Bucyrus and read law with Hon. A. M. Jackson and Hon. Thomas Beer, and was admitted to the bar in 1866. He immediately located in Galion, where he subsequently practiced his profession until the close of his life—a period of 44 years. He was a highly successful lawyer and an active and useful citizen, serving four years as prosecuting attorney of the county, six years as a member of the board of county school examiners, also four years a member of the board of education, being president of that body for a part of the time. Several years previous to his death he became associated professionally with Attorney Frank Pigman, of Coshocton county, the firm being known as Coulter & Pigman. As a lawyer Mr. Coulter was keenly perceptive, incisive, logical, and spirited in debate, yet courteous, and was generally recognized as the head of the Galion bar. He is also an excellent business man, was the owner of several farms, a director in the bank and a stockholder in many of Galion's industries. His sound judgment was manifested both in the conduct of his own affairs and in those of others that were entrusted to him. His opinions had much weight with local capitalists and he uniformly seconded his views by liberal donations on investments, and habitually helped to advance the private enterprises of his fellow citizens, as far as he could do so consistently with correct business principles.

Previous to the last twelve years of his life he was active in the management of the affairs of the Democratic party, to which he belonged; was the choice of his county some years ago for the congressional nomination and was frequently suggested as an available man for a judgeship, at one time declining to be the candidate, although nomination meant election. He was a prominent member of the Masonic fraternity, and a member and active worker in the First Methodist church. On Friday night, Sept. 2d, 1910, he attended a meeting of the council board of the church and took part in its proceedings. He complained of not feeling very well and on the way home he and his wife stopped at the office of Dr. G. C. Marsh. While here he was taken very ill and in about half an hour afterward expired on a couch in

the Marsh home, in spite of the administrations of Dr. Marsh and Dr. O. L. Hoffman, who had been called in. The cause of his death was a serious disorder of the stomach.

James W. Coulter was married Feb. 24, 1886, to Miss Flora Hetrick, a daughter of Samuel and Parintha (Pancoast) Hetrick, born April 14, 1865, the night that President Lincoln was assassinated. Her paternal grandfather was Jacob Hetrick, a native of Germany, who with four brothers, came to the United States more than a century ago, locating in Cumberland county, Pa. Jacob there married Lydia Winter, daughter of John and Catherine (Mickley) Winter, who were of German descent. They had four sons and five daughters—John, Jacob, Michael, Samuel, Catherine, Mary, Elizabeth, Lydia (Mrs. Hetrick) and Susan.

The family of Winter, Wintour, Gwyntor or Wintor—according to the different spellings of the name—descended from Winter, the Castellan of Carnarvon, Wales. Their name was originally Gwyntor, and their crest was a falcon mounted on a white tower. The family settled at Wynch, in the reign of Edward I, eventually spreading to all parts of Great Britain and to Germany. It numbers among its descendants many famous personages—statesmen, warriors, admirals, writers, divines, bankers and many men of culture. There are numerous coats of arms in the Winter family. The Worcester branch has a crest consisting of three ostrich plumes. The coat of arms of the German branch is as follows: Argent—In fess a bar bearing five helmets, proper. In chief chequery, O, and azure—in base the same wreath O, and azure. Crest—Three ostrich plumes O, and azure. Motto—*Omnia Vincit Veritas* (Truth conquers all things). Helmets—war—peace. Ground banner—(yellow) and blue. Motto—yellow and blue. Helmet—grey, blue and yellow. Paulet banner—red, blue and white. Feathers—blue, shading to yellow. Long Bar—indigo blue. Wreath of pink roses—rose mixed with scarlet, very light green for shading.

Jacob Hetrick and wife removed from Pennsylvania to Morrow county, Ohio, where they were among the pioneer settlers. They subsequently settled in Johnsville, O., where he followed the trade of blacksmith and wagon

maker until advanced in years. He died in Johnsville at the age of 78 and his wife at that of 83 years. They were members of the United Brethren church, and in politics he was a Democrat. Their children, so far as the record shows, were Sarah, Eliza and Samuel.

Samuel Hetrick was born in Morrow county, O., March 6, 1842. He was a stock dealer and breeder, doing an extensive business along these lines for many years. In 1865 he came to Galion and opened the first livery barn in the place. So much interested was he in the breeding of fine horses that he built a race course here in 1876. For twenty years he was chief of the fire department and broke the first team of horses to the fire truck on the establishment of the department. By the fire ladders he was known as Captain Hetrick and he proved himself an able man in this line of work and was universally respected as a useful and enterprising citizen. He was a Republican in politics and was the only man of his party to be elected to office in this Democratic city. Born March 6, 1842, he died in April, 1905, at the age of 63 years.

He was married in Morrow county to Miss Parintha Pancoast, a daughter of Dr. Hezekiah Pancoast, who was prominent as a physician in the early history of this section. In her young womanhood Miss Pancoast taught school at Rocky Fork, in Lincoln county, O., and this school and its teachers were afterwards made the subjects of a novel by Mary Hartwell Catherwood, under the title of "Rocky Fork." The teacher, Mrs. Hetrick, died in Galion May 6, 1898, at the age of 65 years. She was a member of the Methodist church. Two of her children are now living—Flora (Mrs. Coulter), and a son, C. S. Hetrick, formerly city auditor of Galion. The latter is married but has no children.

Mrs. Coulter is an educated and cultured lady and is prominent in Galion society. She is a member of the official board and at present is president of the Ladies' Aid Society of First Methodist Episcopal church. In 1893 she was one of the organizers of the Current News Club. She has no surviving children.

JOHN C. PFAHLER, who is a general farmer residing in Cranberry township, Crawford county, O., where he owns 80 acres of

well improved land lying in sections 25 and 26, is one of the leading citizens of this township and was born here Aug. 25, 1861. He is a son of Mathias and Margaret (Gossman) Pfahler.

Mathias Pfahler was born in Germany and was three years old when his parents brought him to America, locating in Crawford county. He grew up on his father's farm and at maturity married Margaret Gossman, who was born in Cranberry township, a daughter of John Gossman. They became the parents of three sons and two daughters, namely: Mary Jane, Irene, John C., Jefferson and Charles M. After marriage, Mathias Pfahler came to the farm which his son, John C., now owns, and here his death occurred at the age of 41 years, his burial being in the Liberty township cemetery. His widow survived to the age of 68 years. They were members of the United Brethren church.

John C. Pfahler obtained his schooling in Cranberry township and in the meanwhile assisted his father on the home farm and remained with him and has followed farming all his life. Forty acres of his land is a part of the old homestead. Although his farm had been cleared before he came into possession, Mr. Pfahler found plenty of improving to do and the substantial building, erected according to modern ideas of comfort and convenience, were put here by him. He is progressive also in his farming methods and is a charter member of the Cranberry Grange. His nearest market is New Washington, his land lying three and one-half miles southeast of that city.

Mr. Pfahler married Miss Ida B. Cooper, who was born in Liberty township, a daughter of Henry C. Cooper. They are members of the Methodist Protestant church. In politics a Democrat, as was his father, Mr. Pfahler has frequently been elected to important local offices on his party ticket and as township trustee served continuously for six years and nine months. He also filled the office of Central Committeeman for four years. He is a member of the Knights of Pythias and attends his lodge at New Washington.

JAMES E. HEINLEN,* a dealer in butter, eggs and livestock, at Galion, O., belongs to one of the old and substantial families of

Crawford county, and was born on the family homestead in Whetstone township, Aug. 5, 1869. He is a son of Lewis B. and Mary (Fink) Heinlen.

Lewis B. Heinlen was born in Pickaway county, O., a son of Lewis Heinlen, but was reared in Whetstone township, Crawford county, where he followed farming all his active life. He died on Easter Sunday, 1910, when aged 86 years. In politics he was an old-time Democrat, and in religious connection he belonged to the United Brethren church. He married Mary Fink, who survives, and, now in her 77th year, resides at Winchester, O. She is still interested in family affairs, local happenings and church work. Of the family of four sons and three daughters, the following survive: Henry, who is now a widower, who lives with his mother at Winchester and has one son and two daughters; Lavina, living at Bucyrus, who is the widow of Byron Neish, and has one daughter; Amanda, who is the wife of William G. Roberts, of Bucyrus, has one daughter; James E.; and Edward C., a farmer residing in Whetstone township, who has one son and one daughter.

James E. Heinlen grew to manhood on his father's farm in Whetstone township and carried on agricultural operations there until 1904, when he came to Galion, where he entered a grocery store as a clerk and remained for three years and then went into business for himself in his present line, dealing in the staples for which there is a never failing demand.

Mr. Heinlen was married at Bucyrus to Miss Edna Warrick, who was born in Whetstone township, and they have three children: Hilda L., who was born January 20, 1896; Mildred Olefa, who was born January 28, 1900; and Iva W., who was born August 10, 1904. Mr. and Mrs. Heinlen are members of the United Brethren church. Politically he is identified with the Democratic party. As a business man Mr. Heinlen has met with a large degree of success, and as a citizen of his community commands general respect.

FRANK, SPROW, the leading general merchant at Brokensword, O., and a representative citizen of this place, justice of the peace and owner of valuable real estate, was

born in Jackson township, Crawford county, O., Oct. 24, 1852, and is a son of Martin and Hannah (Rhodes) Sprow.

Martin Sprow was born in Germany and was brought to America when one year old, his parents settling in Vernon township, Crawford county. After his marriage he moved into Jackson township and later to Liberty township, and died in the latter on his well-improved farm, when aged 64 years. He married Hannah Rhodes, who was born in the state of Pennsylvania, and died in Liberty township, Crawford county, O., when aged 68 years. They had children as follows: Frank, born Oct. 24, 1852; G. W., who was born in May, 1855; W. F., who was born Aug. 2, 1858; Sarah, who was born Nov. 3, 1860, and died at the age of 28 years; H. J., who was born July 2, 1863, and died in 1911; Mary, who was born Oct. 11, 1867, who married Harry Sell; Flora, born April 26, 1871, who married Samuel Gardner; and Ida, now Mrs. Bender, who was born Oct. 2, 1874.

Frank Sprow secured a district school education and afterward engaged in farming in Liberty township for about 14 years and later for seven years, in Chatfield township. After four years in business in Bucyrus township, in 1903 he purchased his present store at Broken-sword, from A. Muth, and is doing a large but safe business. He carries a heavy stock of dry goods, boots, shoes and groceries and supplies the local demand and sells over a considerable outlying territory.

Mr. Sprow was married in 1875, to Miss Elizabeth Zimmerman, of Richland county, O., a daughter of Peter Zimmerman, and a family of seven children have been born to them, as follows: Emma, who married M. C. Muth, of Cleveland, O., and has twin children, Victor and Ethel; Albert, who is now deceased; Ellen, who married Ellsworth Overlander, and has one daughter, Bernice; Edward, who married Myrtle Gearhart; John, who assists his father; Reuben, who is deceased; and Bertha, who is the wife of W. H. Smith. Mr. Sprow is a member of the Evangelical Association in Lykens township while his wife is a Methodist. For a number of years Mr. Sprow has served in the office of justice of the peace, his decisions being seldom reversed. In politics he is a Democrat, and fraternally he is connected with the order of Maccabees.

F. X. BLUM, a well known general farmer, residing in Cranberry township, Crawford county, O., where he has two 80-acre farms, both situated in Section 23, was born in Alsace-Lorraine, France, Dec. 27, 1853, a son of Joseph and Mary Blum, the latter of whom died when he was nine years old.

In 1872 F. X. Blum came along to the United States and located at first in Seneca county, O., and continued to live there for three years after he married, when he came to Crawford county. Here he bought one farm of Horatio Markley, on which the only improvements were a house and stable, and the other land of J. M. Beiber and Adam Zaebst. He immediately began to improve his farms and has built all the substantial buildings which make them attractive and increase their value.

Mr. Blum was married at New Washington to Miss Madeline Kreim, who was born in Austria and was brought to America by her parents when two months old. They were Joseph and Barbara Kreim and they located at Plymouth, O. To Mr. and Mrs. Blum four children were born, namely: John, who married Josephine Hatzler, and lives on his father's north farm, having two children—Agnes and Claude; Barbara; Joseph, who is proprietor of the Twentieth Century Hatchery; and Frank, who assists his father. Mr. Blum and family are members of the Catholic church. On Sept. 6, 1904, the beloved wife and mother passed away and her burial was at New Washington. Mr. Blum is a Democrat in politics, but uses his own judgment in casting his vote; he has served in the office of road superintendent in Cranberry township.

JACOB F. ULMER, who owns a valuable and well improved farm of 120 acres, which is situated seven miles northeast of Bucyrus, O., and one and one-fourth miles west of Sulphur Springs, is a representative citizen of Liberty township, Crawford county, and is a member of the school board. He was born in Liberty township, in 1858, and is a son of Gottlieb Ulmer, who was born at Wittenberg, Germany, and came in early manhood to the United States.

Jacob F. Ulmer remained with his father on the home farm until he was 21 years of age, after which he worked for other farmers by

the month, for two years, and then rented land for two years more and later bought a farm of 60 acres. For two years he operated that farm and then sold it to advantage and purchased his present one of 120 acres. Here he has made many admirable improvements including the remodeling of house and barn, and the place gives evidences of careful and intelligent cultivation.

Mr. Ulmer was married to Miss Leonora Pfeleiderer, who is a daughter of David and Mary Pfeleiderer. The father of Mrs. Ulmer was born in Germany and the mother in Columbiana county, O. Mrs. Ulmer has seven sisters and three brothers: Anna Mary, Magdaline, Margaret, Barbara, Lydia, Caroline, Clara, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, all of who reside in Liberty township, Crawford county, O., with the exception of Abraham, whose home is in Indiana.

Mr. and Mrs. Ulmer have three children: Lester E., a resident of Whetstone township, who married Miss Iva V. Meck and has one daughter, Margaret; and Catherine E. and John F., both of whom live at home. Mr. Ulmer and family are members of the Evangelical church.

The farm on which Mr. Ulmer is located is known as the Pfeleiderer homestead, having first been owned by Mrs. Ulmer's grandfather, Christian Pfeleiderer, who entered it from the government.

J. J. HIGH, whose excellent farm of 40 acres lies in section 10, in the southeast corner of Cranberry township, Crawford county, O., three-fourths miles east of New Washington, O., was born April 26, 1861, in the northwest corner of this township, and is a son of Michael and a grandson of Adam High.

Adam High and his wife, Madeline, were both born in Germany as were the following children: Valentine, Michael, Adam, Margaret and Elizabeth. In the fall of 1832 he came with his family to the United States and settled in Crawford county and cleared and cut the logs with which he built his log house. He was a shoemaker by trade and here he plied it during his entire active life afterward, moving late in life to the home of a daughter north of New Washington, where he died.

Michael High was twelve years old when his

parents moved to Crawford county and afterward had little chance to attend school. He learned the blacksmith trade at which he worked for several years and then was forced to give it up on account of an injury he had received from an unruly horse. He then turned his attention to farming, locating in the northwest corner of Cranberry township and there his death occurred at the age of 63 years. He was a lifelong member of the Lutheran church and his burial was in the Lutheran cemetery. It was in the house of his father that the Lutheran church organization at New Washington was effected and Adam High was one of the first members and church officials. Michael High married Mary Dommenwirth and they had nine children, eight of whom survive. She was born east of Canton, O., near Waynesburg, and died on the old homestead in the northwest corner of Cranberry township when aged 75 years, 70 of which had been spent there. Michael High was a very strong Democrat in his political opinions but cared little for public office although occasionally serving as a trustee of the township.

J. J. High attended the Klein school in Cranberry township and afterward settled down to farm life and has continued his interest. After marriage he resided on a farm that he owned in Chatfield township, for 17 years, and then came to Cranberry township and in the spring of 1911 bought his present farm from Andrew Krebs. It was originally owned by his uncle, George Donnenwirth, who paid \$400 for it but when Mr. High purchased it he paid a large sum for the same property, although it had in the meanwhile, been finely improved, this of course being taken into consideration. It remains a very valuable property and here Mr. High, through modern methods of agriculture, is continually adding to its productive possibilities.

At New Washington, Mr. High was married to Miss Ella Tribolet, a daughter of John and Louisa Tribolet, and they have five children: Bertha May, Carl Frederick, Marie Louise, John Michael and Emma Margaret. Mr. High and family are members of the Lutheran church. In politics he has always been identified with the Democratic party and has been a prominent man in township affairs,

serving for nine years as a member of the Chatfield township school board and at present is road supervisor of the northeast side of Cranberry township.

JOSIAH H. G. KECKLER, who is one of Bucyrus township's most respected and best known residents, having spent a half century here, owns a large body of land, 331 acres, all of which is valuable and so situated that it is adapted to general farming. He was born in Adams county, Pa., Feb. 16, 1829, and is a son of John and Rosana (Gordon) Keckler.

In 1837 the parents of Mr. Keckler decided to move to Ohio and the only means of transportation over the mountains was by wagon. Mr. Keckler was then a boy of eight years and can remember the many adventures of that long trip, the family being 15 days on the way before reaching Harrison county, where the father established himself on a farm and opened his blacksmith shop. The mother died in Harrison county and afterward the father went to Kansas and there his death occurred. They were members of the Presbyterian church. Their children were: Martha, who married Jacob Barger; Mary Ann, who was the wife of James P. Beall; Josiah H. G., subject of this sketch; Rosanna, who married John Rogers; and Malinda, who married Henry Vincent.

The schools in Harrison county, when Josiah H. G. Keckler was a boy did not offer the advantages that those of the present day present, but he was grounded in the necessary elements before he had to start out to take care of himself. For nine years he worked by the month for farmers in Harrison county and then came to Crawford county and bought, in partnership with James P. Beall, his brother-in-law, 120 acres and they remained together for about five years, when he sold to his partner and bought 80 acres on Mud Run. That land he traded for 320 acres in Pike county, Ill. In 1862 Mr. Keckler located in Bucyrus township, purchasing his first land, 104 acres, and gradually adding to it until, as stated above, he now has 331 acres. He has been a careful buyer and has no useless land, all being productive, and it is devoted to general farming and moderate stock raising.

On April 3, 1872, Mr. Keckler was married

to Miss Juliet Parcher, a daughter of Daniel and Mary (McNeal) Parcher. Mr. Parcher was born in Crawford county but his wife was a native of Huntington county, Pa. They had the following children: John, Juliet, Wellington, Benjamin, Allison, Edith, George and Daniel. Mr. and Mrs. Keckler had four children born to them, namely: John F., who is deceased; Agnes, who is the wife of Roy Crisinger and has two children—Julia and Frank; Orie G., who married Maggie Rogers and has one son, Anderson; and George, who married Flora Clark and has one son, Clark. Mr. Keckler and family belong to the Methodist Episcopal church. In his early manhood Mr. Keckler was a Whig in politics but later identified himself with the Republican party. He has seen many changes come over this section since he first located here and in many ways life is easier and more comfortable than in the old days, but he does not believe that all the modern methods, in farming or in other directions, are more sensible or reliable than those which prevailed when he was a boy. He can relate many interesting tales of early days in Ohio.

WILLIAM LAHMAN, residing eight miles north of Bucyrus, O., operating his excellent farm of 108 acres, situated in Holmes township, is widely known in Crawford county as an educator, for 32 years having devoted himself to work in that line. He was born in Holmes township, Dec. 23, 1861, and is a son of Jonas and Phoebe (Uhl) Lahman.

Jonas Lahman was born in Baden, Germany, and after coming to the United States passed his life mainly engaged in farming in Holmes township, Crawford county, O. Here he died in honored old age, having attained his 85th year. He married Phoebe Uhl, who was born in Alsace Lorraine and died at the age of 70 years, having passed her life from girlhood in Ohio. Two of their children died in infancy and six survived to maturity, six still living: Mrs. Elizabeth Rupert; John; Mrs. Caroline Waugh; George; William, and Mrs. Sarah C. Hurless.

William Lahman secured his primary education in the schools of Holmes township and afterward attended at both Lebanon and Ada, O. Unusually intellectual he then turned his



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attention to an intellectual profession and became a teacher. In that field he met with such success that for 32 years he continued as a teacher in Holmes township, making a record. It is doubtful if Mr. Lahman can tell how many pupils have been under his instruction, but it must be gratifying for him to realize that many of these have gone from under his care into successful and honorable life careers.

Mr. Lahman was married to Miss Emma J. Fralick, a daughter of David Fralick, and they have three children: Mamie Floy, Rollo G. and Cloden J. D., the last named being his father's capable assistant. In politics Mr. Lahman has always been a Democrat and for six years was a justice of the peace and at present is a notary public. Fraternally he is identified with the Odd Fellows and the Maccabees.

JOHN W. FRENCH, who is a well known citizen of Crawford county, O., and a respected retired resident of Cranberry township, residing on his valuable farm of 111 acres, situated in section 11, on the west side of the north and south road, was born at Columbiana county, O., Nov. 8, 1832, and is a son of Samuel and Rebecca (Welch) French.

Samuel French was born in Columbiana county, O., and there was reared and married Rebecca Welch, who was born at Wellsville, on the Ohio river, a daughter of James Welch. Her grandfather, Erastus Welch, was born in Ireland and was the first white man to settle near Rocky Creek church in Seneca county, O., not far from Tiffin. After marriage Samuel French and wife came to Crawford county, with the family, in 1848, and settled in Lykens township and lived there for 12 years and then moved to Huron county, O., and he died on his farm there at the age of 57 years, his widow surviving to the age of 65 years and their burial was in Seneca county. They were members of the Presbyterian church. At the time of death Samuel French owned no land in Crawford county. They had the following children: Rebecca and Katherine, both of whom died in Wood county; James, who lived and died in Seneca county; John W.; Joseph; Reason, who died in Crawford county; Elizabeth, who is the wife of Martin Corbett, and lives at Chicago Junction; and Esther, who died in Huron county.

John W. French was eight years old when his parents moved to Wood county, and after that he had no chance to attend school and when he was 24 years of age educated himself by using the school books of his younger brothers and sisters. He was the only one of the sons to learn a trade, becoming a skilled carpenter and for a number of years worked with a Mr. Waller in general building, particularly barns. When Mr. Waller married, Mr. French went to Tiffin and there was engaged with a Mr. Chamberlain, a contractor there. In 1861 he married and then settled in Lykens township once more, in 1866 moving to Huron county. At the outbreak of the Civil war he enlisted in a home guard organization, Co. E, 136th Regiment and served for four months, when he returned to Lykens township and went to farming. His health broke down two years later so that work at his trade was impossible but after moving to Huron county he steadily at the same for six years. He then sold his interests in Huron county and bought his present farm in Cranberry township. He again resumed carpenter work and continued had some of the clearing and considerable draining to do and put up the present substantial farm buildings and has a valuable property.

On Feb. 24, 1861, Mr. French was married to Miss Elizabeth Jane Perky, who was born in Seneca county, O., Nov. 17, 1837 and prior to marriage was a teacher in Crawford county. Her parents were David and Mary (Seitz) Perky, the former of whom was born April 1, 1811, in Westmorland county, Pa., and died Feb. 13, 1896. He came to Seneca county in 1827 and married Mary Seitz, who was born March 3, 1814, in Fairfield county, O., and died July 15, 1853, a daughter of John and Madelene Seitz. After their marriage they lived in Seneca county until 1848 and then moved to Lykens township, Crawford county. Mr. and Mrs. Perky had eleven children, two of whom are living: Mrs. French and Mrs. Abigail Corey, who lives in Stone county, Mo. Four of the sons served in the Civil war, two in the 55th O. Vol. Inf., one in the 25th and the other in the 136th and the only one who returned was the one who belonged to the 25th regiment. Ohio sent many volunteers into the Civil war and in the school district in which

Mr. French then lived, 28 men offered their services.

Two sons were born to Mr. and Mrs. French: Sherman L. and David P. The latter resides on the home farm. He married Cora Cummins, a daughter of William and Matilda Cummins and they have two daughters: Mary Elizabeth and Esther Matilda. Mr. French and wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. He has always been a good, law-abiding citizen but prefers to cast an independent vote, not identifying himself with any political party and has never accepted any office except that of school director.

JOHN ENGLISH, a retired merchant residing in Galion, O., who is also a veteran of the Civil war, was born in Johnsville, Morrow county, Ohio, April 9, 1840, a son of Samuel and Sarah (Hall) English. His paternal grandfather was Abel English, who was born in Lancaster county, Pa., as early as 1785, and who died in his native county while still a young man. Abel married Margaret Mutch, a Pennsylvania girl, who was afterwards three times married, and who late in life went to reside in Naperville, Ill., where she died in 1866 at the age of 76 years. She had children by each husband, except the last—Adam Shifler. She was a woman remarkable for her strength and activity.

Samuel English, the father of the subject of this sketch, was born Aug. 7, 1813, in Elizabeth township, Lancaster county, Pa. He grew up in his native place and learned the trade of shoemaker. At the age of 20 years he came to Ohio, locating in Johnsville, Morrow county, where he followed his trade and was thus engaged for some years. He then changed his occupation and followed farming for several years. Afterwards he engaged in the stone quarrying industry, which was his final occupation. He died in Galion, O., in 1896. When 48 years old, he enlisted as a private in Co. K, 23d O. V. I., and as teamster and ambulance driver he remained for three years in the service, escaping injury. He was a man remarkable for physical strength and was of a religious disposition, a consistent member of the M. E. church. At first a Whig in politics, he later became a Republican. In that section of Ohio now known as Morrow county, he was

married to Miss Sarah Hall, who was born in that locality in 1817, her father being William Hall and her mother, in maidenhood, Mary A. Cook. The latter was a New Jersey woman, whose father, a life-long resident of that state, had served in the Colonial army in the Revolutionary war. William and Mary A. Hall were pioneer settlers in Morrow county, where they were probably married, and where they followed farming. William died there in middle life. His widow, surviving him many years, died at Iberia, Morrow county, O., at the home of her son Isaac, she being then past 85 years of age. She was the mother of seven children, a good woman and a life-long Methodist.

Samuel English and wife were the parents of five sons and five daughters, all of whom married and all but one had issue. Four of the sons and three of the daughters are still living. The mother, Mrs. Sarah English, survived her husband and died near Galion, O., at the age of 90 years and four months. She was a Methodist in religion.

John English was the second son and child of his parents and is the eldest now living. He was reared and educated in Johnsville, O. On Feb. 26, 1862, when in his 22d year, he enlisted in Company D, 23d O. V. I. and was ordered to the front with his regiment. In September of that year he took part in the battle of Antietam and there received three gunshot wounds within five minutes. At the hospital he was found to be seriously hurt and on October 23d his leg was amputated. Discharged on March 3, 1863, he returned to his home in Galion and has since resided in this city. He was for some time engaged in mercantile business and for 35 years has been a notary public. He is an active member of the Republican party and belongs to Dick Morris Post, G. A. R. No. 130, having served the Post as quartermaster two terms.

He was first married to Maria Noblet, a daughter of Adam Noblet. She died in 1881, leaving a child that is now living—Anna May Burgener, wife of Charles E. Burgener of Marion, O. Mr. English married secondly Mary C. West, who died Jan. 12, 1906, leaving no children.

BERNARD YOUNG, who is one of the representative men of Cranberry township,

Crawford county, O., valued in public councils and respected in private life, carries on large agricultural operations on his valuable farm of 97 acres, and is serving in his second term as township trustee. He was born on this farm, Jan. 1, 1855, and is a son of Peter and Mary (Stein) Young and a grandson of Lewis Young.

Lewis Young, the grandfather, was the pioneer of the family in America, coming from his native land Alsace, then in France, in 1833, and settling in Crawford county, then Richland, on the west township line of Auburn township. In later years, after his wife died, he went back to visit the scenes of his youth and died in the neighborhood of his old home and was interred there.

Peter Young, father of Bernard Young, was 16 years of age when he accompanied his parents to the United States and died in Crawford county, in 1867, when aged 51 years, the greater part of his life having been spent on the present farm. His burial was in the Roman Catholic cemetery at New Washington. He left an estate of 320 acres of valuable land. He married Mary Stein and they had ten children, four of whom survive and two of whom live in Crawford county. His wife died in 1886, when aged 67 years.

Bernard Young attended school with his brothers and sisters in boyhood, after which he helped his father and also worked for other farmers by the month and additionally engaged in teaming. After marriage he became the home farmer and subsequent owner of this property and has continued here, making improvements as they have become necessary and building and remodeling as he has deemed advantageous. His father owned about one square mile of land and made things comfortable about his home and the barn he built is yet standing. The Northern Ohio Railroad passes through his land and the station is located on the next farm to the east. Mr. Young is a stockholder in the Toledo Life Insurance Company, of Toledo, O.

Mr. Young married Miss Catherine Kastner, a daughter of Andrew Kastner, and they have four children: Charles, Frank, Cecil and Joseph, all of whom were born and reared on his farm. Mr. Young and family belong to the Roman Catholic church. In politics he

has always cast his vote with the Democratic party.

GEORGE P. MARTIN, whose exceedingly valuable farm of 219 acres, belonging to the Bucyrus Development Company, lies in Liberty township, Crawford county, O., two and a half miles northeast of Bucyrus, O., is one of the reliable and representative men of Crawford county. Mr. Martin has charge of the city reservoir and leases the farm. He was born in 1857, in Marion county, O., and is a son of Benjamin F. and Elizabeth (Culver) Martin. He has three sisters and one brother: Ruth, Anna, Robert A. and Sarah. Ruth is the wife of Clayton Andrews, residing at Hartford City, Ind., and they have had four children—Otto, Wanzo, Carrie and Bartlett, the last named being deceased. Anna is the wife of L. J. Pooler, also residing at Hartford City, and they have one son, Phineas. Robert A., who is in business at Hartford City, Ind., married Eva Lockwood and they have had the following children: Henry, Inez, Blanche, Claudia, Robert, Goldie, Walter, James, Princess and Rose, the last two being deceased. Sarah is the wife of Frank Collins and they live at Bucyrus and have had five children: Benjamin, Isaiah, Howard, Danzel and an infant, deceased.

George P. Martin obtained his education in the public schools and has been engaged in agricultural pursuits ever since. His large estate is devoted to general farming and stock raising. The Bucyrus City Reservoir is located on his farm and he is overseer of the same.

Mr. Martin married Miss Emma Schurr, a daughter of George and Mary (Koop) Schurr. Mrs. Martin has three brothers and one sister: George J., Christian F., Charles Robert and Mary Catherine. To Mr. and Mrs. Martin five children were born: Ora Cozetta, Lulu A., Minnie, Ruth and George, and of these Ruth and George still reside at home. Ora Cozetta is the wife of Garfield McMichael, of Bucyrus, and they have one son, Robert. Lulu A. married Elger Pfeleiderer, a farmer in Liberty township and they have one son, Richard. Minnie is the wife of Prof. Lycurgus Marshall, who is principal of the Crestline, O., High School. Mr. Martin and family belong to the Lutheran church. He is a staunch Re-

publican and is a useful and conscientious member of the township school board.

MRS. MARY UTZ, whose valuable farm of 105 acres lies in section 12, Cranberry township, Crawford county, O., is one of the best known and most highly esteemed residents of this section, in which she has practically passed her entire life. Mrs. Utz was born in Cranberry township, on what was known as the George M. Klein farm, July 16, 1854, and is a daughter of Conrad and Margaret (High) Klein.

As a girl, Mrs. Utz attended the Cranberry township schools near her home and was carefully reared by a capable mother and reached young womanhood proficient in all housekeeping arts. On Feb. 13, 1873, she was married to John L. Utz, who was born on the farm that she now owns, July 19, 1850, and died here May 30, 1911. His parents were Jacob and Helena (Fredericks) Utz. After marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Utz settled on this farm and many years of happy wedded life followed. Mr. Utz completed the clearing of the farm which his father had commenced, made many improvements here and successfully carried on farming and stock raising, remaining active until the time of his death, in his 61st year. He was one of the influential men of his township and was often called upon to give advice concerning public movements and frequently has offices tendered him, serving at times as school director and as township trustee.

Seven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Utz, as follows: Jacob F., who married Amelia Loy, a daughter of Jacob Loy, of Chatfield township, who resides in section 2, Cranberry township, and has had two children—Paul and Carl Franklin, the latter dying when aged but five days; Louisa, who is the wife of Patrick McCarty, living in Cranberry township, and has three children—Lewis, George and Edna Isabella; Margaret E., who married Theodore Kahler, of Seneca county, and has two children—Clarence and Glendo; and Adolph; Albert, Franklin Carl, deceased; and Adam, last three living residing at home and operating the farm for their mother. Mrs. Utz is a member of the Lutheran church, to which Mr. Utz also belonged. In his political views he was

somewhat independent but nominally was a Democrat.

THOMAS W. LONGSTRETH, monument maker and dealer, who has occupied his business quarters at No. 134 West Main Street, Galion, O., for 43 years, is one of the city's best known and most respected citizens. He was born in Muskingum county, O., March 4, 1848, and is a son of John and Mary A. (Patten) Longstreth.

John Longstreth was born March 1, 1816, in Morgan county, O., and was a son of Bartholamew Longstreth, who was a son of John Longstreth. The last named died in Pennsylvania but his four sons, Bartholamew, Michael, James and Philip, all came to Ohio in 1812 and settled in York township, Morgan county, and were among the first permanent settlers in that section. Bartholamew died in 1824, when aged 35 years. He had been married in Pennsylvania to Margaret O'Hara, who survived him many years, dying in Morgan county in 1866. They were interred in the old family burying ground. They were parents of five sons and four daughters, the last child being posthumous, and all lived to be heads of families. Although all have passed away in the course of Nature, nine of the children survived to the age of 70 years and several were in the eighties at time of death.

John Longstreth settled on 80 acres of Government land that he received from his mother, in Brush Creek township, Muskingum county, and spent his entire subsequent life there as a farmer, his death occurring April 19, 1887, when he was aged 81 years. He was a Democrat in his political opinions. He married Mary A. Patten, who was born in Morrow county, O., Sept. 22, 1822, and died in December, 1892. She was a daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth (Porter) Patten, the former of whom was a native of Ireland and the latter of Maryland. They were married in Chester county, Pa., and came to Morrow county, O., in pioneer days and spent long and useful lives in that section. Of their children but one survives, he being James Patten, a venerable resident of Des Moines, Ia., who is now in his 87th year. To John and Mary A. Longstreth six children were born, two of whom died as infants. The survivors are: Margaret,

who is the wife of Lewis Miller, residing on a farm in Morrow county and has six children; Tamzen, who is the widow of George Brown, and resides in Morrow county and has six children; Thomas W., our subject; and Abigail, who is the widow of Porter Kirkpatrick, and is resident of Galion, having one son.

Thomas W. Longstreth had district school opportunities until he was 16 years of age, when he left home and went to Mt. Gilead, in Morrow county, where he served an apprenticeship to a marble cutter. Five years later, December, 1868, he came to Galion and started in the marble and monument business, as noted above, and his stand is one of the city's landmarks. In 1880 he introduced the first granite monuments and at present this stone replaces almost every other for monumental purposes. Mr. Longstreth favoring it for his most beautiful designs.

In Muskingum county, in 1873, Mr. Longstreth was married to Miss Euphemia Ann Swingle, who was born and reared there, a daughter of old pioneer settlers. They have two sons; E. Homer, the older, learned the marble cutting trade with his father but at present is bookkeeper for a gas company operating at Dunkirk, N. Y. He married Miss Maybell Atkinson and they have one son, Merrill, a bright lad of five years. Earl, the younger son, is a graduated pharmacist and at present is in the drug business at Sacramento City, Calif. He married there and has one son, Roy. Mrs. Longstreth and her two sons are members of the English Lutheran church. The name is a well known one in Pennsylvania to this day and many of those bearing it are prominent in the Society of Friends. Mr. Longstreth has seen many changes come about since he first selected Galion as his home and he has done his part in assisting general progress and is an interested member of the Commercial Club. In politics he has always been affiliated with the Democratic party.

JACOB LEDERER, proprietor of the Jacob Lederer & Son's livery, feed and sales stables at New Washington, O., is one of the best known men of Cranberry township, Crawford county, where his valuable farm of 53 acres, known as Middlebrook Farm, is situated, lying in section 11, along its western border. He

was born April 30, 1848, in Cranberry township, two miles southwest of New Washington, and is a son of Jacob and Magdalena (Donnenwirth) Lederer.

Jacob Lederer the younger remained on the old homestead for 62 years but in the spring of 1911 he purchased and moved on the old Adam High farm, which had been well improved. With the assistance of his sons he carried on general farming but has additional interests. On Aug. 11, 1910, he purchased his livery and feed and sale barn at New Washington, succeeding Edward Donnenwirth, and is here associated in business with his son, under the firm name of Jacob Lederer & Son. The livery business is carried on with all kinds of vehicles, including automobiles, two men are kept busy at the barn and the business is prospering under the direct management of the junior member of the firm.

Jacob Lederer was married to Miss Mary Guiss, who was born in the same school district in Cranberry township as himself, a daughter of Henry Guiss, and they have the following children: Ada Matilda; Ella, who for 15 years has been a successful teacher in the public schools of New Washington and also for four years in Cranberry township, a highly educated lady; Glenn T., who resides at Toledo, O., where he is connected with the American Express Company; Elmer, who lives on the home farm; Lee, who, in addition to managing the livery stable and feed and sales barn, is an auctioneer; L. W., who is employed at Tiffin, O.; and Ivan, who lives at home. Mr. Lederer is a member of the German Lutheran church. He has never considered himself a politician but usually votes with the Democratic party, although occasionally inclined to be independent in his choice as to public representatives.

DANIEL W. HOOT,* who has been in the employ of the Erie Railway for the past 34 years and is now conductor on one of its speedy passenger trains, with home at Galion, O., has won promotion by close attention to his duties and faithful service in every position to which he has been assigned. He was born at Reedsburg, O., Nov. 30, 1851, and is a son of Nathaniel and Susan (Zewny) Hoot.

Nathaniel Hoot was born in Pennsylvania,

May 17, 1817, and died at Galion, O., about 1885. He was a custom shoemaker and was considered very skillful. After leaving Pennsylvania he lived in different parts of Ohio, in Ashland, Richland, Morrow and Crawford counties, coming to Galion, April 6, 1879. He was married first to Phebe Ostadit, who, at death, left one son, J. B., who is a resident of Columbus, O., and has a family of eight children. The second marriage of Nathaniel Hoot was to Margaret Frye, who died without children. His third marriage was to Susan Zewmy, who was born in Ohio in 1823 and died in 1856, leaving three children, namely: E. N., who is a resident of Warsaw, Ind., where he married and has one son; Anna, who is the wife of Shunk Youngblood, of Nankin, O., and has two sons and two daughters; and Daniel W. Nathaniel Hoot's fourth marriage was with Mary Golady, who died without issue.

In his boyhood, Daniel W. Hoot had the usual school opportunities and as soon as old enough began to take care of himself. For three years he worked as a fence-maker before becoming a brakeman on the Erie Railroad, in 1878, being assigned to what was called the Cincinnati Division. In 1880 he was made freight conductor and in 1884 became passenger conductor and is one of the best known and highly valued conductors in the employ of the company, relied on by his employers and esteemed for his courtesy and efficiency by the traveling public.

Mr. Hoot was married at Galion, to Miss Emma Myers, who was born in 1859, at Mansfield, O., but was reared and educated at Galion. Her parents were Jeremiah and Sarah J. (Long) Myers, both of whom were born in Pennsylvania, the former Nov. 24, 1819. After marriage, in 1841, Jeremiah Myers came to Mansfield, O., where he later became well known, a pioneer railroad man. He was one of the oldest railroad engineers in the state and ran the first engines on the Baltimore & Ohio and on the Bee line, now known as the Big Four. He closed his railroad life as foreman of the round-house of the Big Four Railroad, at Galion, where he died Jan. 21, 1875, when aged 75 years and two months. Although never an aspirant for public office, he was in sympathy with the principles of the old-

time Republican party. The mother of Mrs. Hoot survived until Dec. 1, 1897, dying when aged 74 years, three months and two days. She was a devoted member of the Baptist church. Ten children were born to Jeremiah Myers and wife, three of whom died in infancy. One son, Samuel, was killed in a railroad collision at Mansfield and was survived by a widow and three children. The survivors are the following: Elizabeth, who is the widow of Zibe Huntington, a railroad engineer, who was killed in the line of duty; Dewitt, who is a railroad engineer, living at Toledo, and has one son; Mrs. Hoot; and Daniel N., who is an engineer and resides at Gary, Ind., and has wife and two sons. All of the sons of Jeremiah Myers became engineers when they reached maturity and after serving a proper apprenticeship all became men of reliability and trustworthiness.

Mr. and Mrs. Hoot have had four children: Burt O., Harry Clayton, Melvin C. and Wade Morris. Burt O., who was born October 25, 1881, completed the high school course at Galion and then studied practical mechanics and is employed in West Virginia. Harry Clayton, who was born June 26, 1883, after graduating from the Galion High School entered the employ of a railroad company and is yardmaster at Joliet, Ill. Melvin C., who was born July 26, 1887, is an automobile chauffeur, and resides at Adena, O. He married Nellie Hamilton, of Galion and they have two sons, Kenneth and Lorain. Wade Morris, who was born Oct. 20, 1900, died Aug. 25, 1910. He was a natural musician and had he lived, no doubt would have been heard of in the musical world. Mr. and Mrs. Hoot attend the Baptist church. He is a Republican in politics and fraternally is an Odd Fellow and a member of the O. R. C.

CHARLES HEYDINGER, who conducts a furniture and undertaking business at New Washington, O., was born in Cranberry township, Crawford county, O., March 24, 1883, and is a son of John and Mary (Gullong) Heydinger.

John Heydinger was born in Germany and came to Crawford county and settled in Cranberry township when he was 20 years old. In early manhood he married Mary Gullong, a

native of that township, a daughter of Peter and Barbara Gullong, who came to this county in about 1834 or 1835. In Germany, John Heydinger worked at the trade of nailsmith but after coming to America engaged always in farming. After marriage he and wife continued to live in Cranberry township and there their family of ten children were born, Charles being the youngest. John Heydinger was a highly respected man, a faithful member of the Roman Catholic church at New Washington, and always gave support to the Democratic party because he believed in its principles. His death occurred on his farm of 109 acres, in his 67th year. For 35 years this farm has been the family homestead and the mother and three of the sons still live on it, one of whom is married.

After attending the country schools and graduating from High School at New Washington, Charles Heydinger took a short business course at Toledo, O., and then became a clerk in a business house at New Washington and continued from the spring of 1904 until November, 1907, when he bought a one-half interest in the Miller hardware and furniture business at New Washington. This partnership was continued for 18 months when a division was made, Mr. Heydinger taking over the furniture stock and Mr. Miller the hardware stock. In November, 1911, Mr. Heydinger came to his present excellent business location and now occupies the first and second floors of the Bordner Block, which was formerly the old Lutheran church building. He has a fine stock of furniture on hand at all times, including sewing machines, while his undertaking department is specially fitted for that purpose and he has graduated embalmers in charge.

On Feb. 24, 1908, Mr. Heydinger was married to Miss Mary Kanney, who was born in Seneca county, O., a daughter of John and Mary (Book) Kanney, and they have two children: Dorothy and Earl. Mr. and Mrs. Heydinger are members of the Catholic church. In politics he is a Democrat, while fraternally he belongs to the Knights of Columbus and the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association. The family has an attractive home situated on the corner of Mansfield and Center streets, New Washington.

CHARLES E. TRIMBLE, M. D., physician and surgeon and specialist in diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat, has been in active practice at Crestline, O., for more than 20 years and has a professional reputation that extends all through this section of Ohio. He was born in Richland county, O., Nov. 15, 1863, and is a son of James S. and Lucinda (Murphy) Trimble.

Davis S. Trimble, grandfather of Dr. Trimble, was born in 1793, in Lancaster county, Pa., where he married Margaret Sterrett, who was born there in 1795. In early married life they came to Ohio and settled in Richland county, taking up Government land near Mansfield, and there their subsequent lives were spent, the death of Mr. Trimble being occasioned by an accident, but his wife survived into old age. They had a family of 13 children.

James S. Trimble, father of Dr. Trimble, was born in 1826 and still survives, being one of the venerable residents of Richland county, where, for many years he successfully engaged in agricultural pursuits and took a good citizen's part in advancing the welfare of his community. In Richland county he was married to Lucinda A. Murphy, who was born there Nov. 8, 1825, and died in the old home in Springfield township, Feb. 16, 1902. Her parents were John and Rachel (Gedis) Murphy, natives of Pennsylvania, but of Irish extraction. They came to Madison township, Richland county, at an early day and their farm is the present site of the State Reformatory.

Dr. Charles E. Trimble of Crestline, is the third youngest in a family of seven sons and two daughters, four of whom are yet living, namely: David F., who lives in the State of Washington, and is engaged there as a stock raiser and dealer; Willard L., a farmer in Springfield township, who is married and has ten children; Della, who married W. S. Brooks, a farmer in Springfield township, and has six children; and Charles E. The studies of the last named, from youth, were more or less directed in the line of his profession and he is a graduate of Starling Medical College, at Columbus, O., and in 1905 was graduated from the Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat College,

at Chicago, Ill., and has been in active practice at Crestline since 1891.

Dr. Trimble was married in Richland county, O., to Miss Cora A. Condon, who was born there Feb. 13, 1868, a daughter of Marshall and Maria (Walters) Condon, who were natives of Richland county, the father being a prosperous farmer there for years. He died in Springfield township when aged 84 years, and his wife at the age of 57 years. Formerly they were Presbyterians but later united with the Methodist church. To Dr. and Mrs. Trimble two children were born: Cecil Maria, who was born April 10, 1891, and Starling F., who was born May 6, 1893. The daughter completed the High School course and a business college course, while the son, after graduating with the class of 1912, from the Crestline High School, has entered the medical department of Wooster University. Dr. Trimble is identified with the Elks at Bucyrus. In politics he is a Republican.

LOUIS KIEFFER, whose death in Galion, Aug. 28, 1902, removed a worthy and respected citizen from the community, was a native Ohioan, born in Stark county, July 3, 1827, a son of Adam and Elizabeth (Kinehart) Kieffer. The parents of our subject were of Pennsylvania-German stock, coming to Stark county at an early day and soon after their marriage. They later removed to Crawford county, settling on a farm on "the plains," where they resided for some years. Subsequently, however, they went to Wyandot county, where Adam Kieffer bought 100 acres of land near the town or village of Nevada, which he improved into a fine homestead, and where he died at the age of 86 years. His wife died at the age of eighty-four. They were hardworking, thrifty people and their efforts to succeed in life were rewarded by prosperity. They were members of the Lutheran church. Their children were seven in number, of whom five are still living. All married and had issue.

Louis Kieffer, the direct subject of this notice, was yet a young man when his father gave him a good farm in Wyandot county, which he cultivated and improved. Later he became the owner of substantial farm property in Crawford county and took up his resi-

dence here. From his parents he had learned the lessons of thrift and industry and, like them, he attained success. He was a member of and an officer in the Lutheran church and in politics he was a Democrat.

He was married in Whetstone township to Mary Ann Christman, who was born near Salem, N. J., April 3, 1835, and who was six years old when she came to Whetstone township, Crawford county, with her parents, Adam and Elizabeth (Snyder) Christman, they arriving here in 1841. Her parents were born and married in Germany and came to the United States after the birth of their three first children. Their daughter, Mary Ann (Mrs. Kieffer) was the only one of the family born in New Jersey. After coming to Crawford county, they purchased a farm, on which Mr. Christman subsequently died before attaining the age of 50 years, his death being the result of an injury. His widow took up her residence in Galion, living to be over 79 years old. They were earnest Christian people, active in good works, and exemplifying their religion in their lives and character. They were the parents of 13 children, of whom five are still living, all being married.

Mr. and Mrs. Kieffer have been the parents of seven children, as follows: Franklin, a Crawford county farmer, is married and has three children—Hazel, a school teacher, Gladys and Mercil. William H. lives at Battle Creek, Mich. David W., who is conducting his mother's farm of 152 acres, is married but has no children. Lewis M. is a photographer in Toledo, O. He is married and has five children—Don, Mabel, Russell, Harland and Mary C. Clara E. is the wife of Edward Lownmiller, a farmer residing near Bucyrus; has no children. Mrs. Kieffer is a devoted member of the English Lutheran church. She is a lady well known in Galion and the vicinity and is as highly esteemed. She has brought up a worthy family, who are creditable members of the communities in which they respectively reside and has the right to feel that she has well and faithfully performed her task in life.

HENRY POISTER, proprietor of a furniture store and also engaged in the undertaking business at Galion, O., in connection

with Peter Boehm, has been established in this city for some 30 years and stands high in commercial circles and as a private citizen. He was born Oct. 16, 1845, in one of the Rhine provinces, in Prussia, and is a son of Theodore and Margaret (Schmidt) Poister, and a grandson of Christian Poister.

Christian Poister was born in Prussia and was a quiet, peaceful, hard-working man when he was conscripted and went as a soldier from his country when it made the compact with Napoleon and marched to Moscow. He survived the horrors of that unfortunate campaign and returned for a few years to his cabinetmaking business in his old home, but, in 1856, with his wife came to the United States and joined the sons who had come to Galion, O., two years previously. Both died at Galion in old age; worthy and respected people and devout attendants of the Peace Lutheran church.

Theodore Poister was born in Prussia in 1822 and learned his father's trade and then served three years in the regular service in the Prussian army. In his own neighborhood he married Margaret Schmidt, who was born in 1828, and in 1854, with their three children, Henry, Sophia and Catherine, they set sail for America in search of more favorable living conditions. The vessel, the Rio de Janeiro, landed them safely in the harbor of New York, after a voyage of seven weeks. They yet had quite a long distance to travel for transportation facilities were not then so numerous and a round about way had to be taken in order to reach Galion, O., their objective point. They sailed up the Hudson River to Albany, then crossed the state to Buffalo on the Erie Canal, then to Cleveland by lake and then over the Big Four Railroad, which had but lately been constructed, to Galion. Theodore Poister secured work in the railway shops and later bought a farm which he operated for 15 years and then retired to Galion, where his death occurred in 1894, having survived his wife some years. Her father, Philip Schmidt, had served with the German army, under the Duke of Wellington at Waterloo. Theodore Poister and wife were members of the German Reformed church. Of their family of children three sons and two daughters are yet living.

Henry Poister learned the trade of cabinet-maker and was employed in the shops of the Big Four Railroad for 15 years and assisted in building and finishing the first sleeping coaches put out by that company. Afterward he went into business for himself, purchasing the interests of Campbell & Bryant, who had started the business in 1876. The present firm, Poister & Boehm, has been in existence for 30 years. Its location has always been on East Main Street and in 1889, Mr. Poister erected the present commodious building, dimensions being 44x80 feet, at Nos. 243-45, East Main, where a fine stock of furniture is carried, and in which are located the funeral directing parlors.

In 1870, in this city, Mr. Poister was united in marriage with Miss Louisa Beck, who was born in Ashland county, O., in 1849 and died in 1901. Two daughters were born to them: Clara F. and Laura N., both of whom are graduates of the Galion High School. Mr. Poister is a Democrat in politics and has served as a member of the city council and in other offices. Fraternally he is a Royal Arch Mason.

HUGH O. DOBBINS,* deceased, for many years was a well known citizen of Bucyrus township, Crawford county, O., where he owned and conducted the old Dobbins homestead farm. He was born in Wayne county, O., Feb. 11, 1830, and died on the above farm. His parents were John and Annie (McCullough) Dobbins.

John Dobbins was born in Pennsylvania and accompanied his parents when young to Mahoning county, O. He was married in Harrison county to Annie McCullough, who was also a native of Pennsylvania, and six children were born to them. From Harrison they moved to Wayne county, where John Dobbins secured 72 acres of land, on which he lived until 1834, although, two years previously, he had entered 160 acres in section 4, Bucyrus township, Crawford county. To this land the family came in 1834. A dense forest surrounded this pioneer home and the family endured many of the hardships incident to life in a new section to which civilization had scarcely penetrated. In 1858 John Dobbins and his wife retired to Bucyrus and

there he died in 1859, his widow, of more robust constitution, surviving until 1880. They left descendants who have perpetuated the family and have maintained its reputation for the solid virtues that marked their lives.

Hugh O. Dobbins, the eldest son of John and Annie Dobbins, had but indifferent educational opportunities in his youth but he had much practical teaching as to the management of a farm and the carrying on of its various activities, and this acquired knowledge he put to good use and brought the old homestead farm to a fine state of cultivation. He was a man of quiet tastes, was honorable in his business transactions and was kind and neighborly in his community. While thoroughly identified with the Democratic party, he never was willing to accept political office.

Hugh O. Dobbins was married in 1859 to Miss Rachel Cleland, who was born in Crawford county in 1836, a daughter of William Cleland, who was an early settler in Vernon township. Eight children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Dobbins. One of the surviving sons, Hugh M., is a substantial farmer and stock raiser and is a valued member of the board of county commissioners of Crawford county.

GEORGE DONNENWIRTH, president of the Bucyrus City Bank, of Bucyrus, O., has been identified with the business interests of this place for over a half century and occupies an enviable position in the esteem of his fellow citizens that he has won through his personal characteristics. He is a man of broad and abundant sympathies, keeping ever in memory the struggles of his own youth, and has so built up his own fortunes that the path he has traveled lies plain for another to follow, through the exercise of the same industry, frugality and integrity. The life of such a man is always interesting.

George Donnenwirth was born Jan. 28, 1835, at Columbus, O. His parents were George and Sophia (Anthony) Donnenwirth, and his grandparents were George and Magdalene (Ruth) Donnenwirth. It was in 1827 that the grandparents left France and came to America, making their first stop at Buffalo, N. Y., and from there moving to Stark county, O. The grandfather was seeking farm land and

this he secured to his satisfaction when he came to Crawford county, in 1834, settling in Cranberry township.

Of their five children, one son, George, was born at Strasburg, France, (now in Germany) in 1810, and in 1827 accompanied his parents to the United States. Prior to 1833 he worked as a blacksmith at several points and also assisted in the construction of the Ohio Canal. In 1838 he came to New Washington, Crawford county, where he opened his blacksmith shop and also invested in property, and ere long was recognized as an enterprising and worthy citizen, 1846 being elected a representative to the state legislature. Subsequently, in 1855, when elected county treasurer, he moved to Bucyrus, where the remainder of his life was spent and there he was twice elected mayor.

Until he was 14 years of age, George Donnenwirth, Jr., attended school, but his father was a very practical man and in accordance with his decision the son began to learn a self-supporting trade and spent four years at his father's forge. He then went to Sandusky and worked in a grocery store for almost two years and afterward became a clerk at Burlington, Ia., from there returning to Ohio and locating in Bucyrus. Deciding to make this city the seat of his business efforts he shortly afterward entered into partnership with Henry Anthony in the establishing of a brewery. This partnership continued for but a brief time, however, Mr. Donnenwirth's father then buying the Anthony interest and becoming the senior partner. The business was conducted under the style of George Donnenwirth & Son until 1875, when the senior partner retired. At this time the junior member of the firm became the senior; he admitted his half-brother, Frank P. Donnenwirth, and the business was continued until 1889.

In the meanwhile, George Donnenwirth had become a banker in a small way, and in 1881 was one of the organizers and vice president of what was known as the Monnett Bank of Bucyrus. January 1, 1892, the investment was increased and the style of the concern was changed from the Monnett Bank to the Bucyrus City Bank. Mr. Donnenwirth was elected president of the institution Jan. 2, 1888 which position, as above indicated, he still



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holds. He has been a member of its directing board from its organization. Aside from the importance of his business interests, Mr. Donnenwirth has been in other ways a foremost citizen. For years he has served as a city councilman; he was a member of the school board 25 years and treasurer of the same for 20 years and at all times has been ready to heartily cooperate with other citizens in promoting the general welfare. In politics a Democrat, his influence in party councils has been valuable on many important occasions. He is a Mason and an Elk.

C. C. COYLE, secretary and treasurer of The Galion Lumber Company, and a member of the board of education, of Galion, O., is one of the reliable and representative business men of this city. He was born in 1863, in Jefferson county, O., but was brought to Galion when a child of two years and largely the business life of Mr. Coyle has been associated with Galion interests. He is a son of Dr. C. L. and Julia (Rinehart) Coyle.

Dr. C. L. Coyle was a native of Ohio and died at Galion in 1892, when aged 65 years. After completing his medical education at Philadelphia, he returned to Ohio and in 1865 opened his practice at Galion where he became a physician of high standing. He married a daughter of Rev. John Rinehart, a minister of the Lutheran faith who was also a farmer in Jefferson county. Mrs. Coyle survives and resides with her son, C. C. Coyle. He has two sisters: Estella, who is a highly educated lady and is city librarian, at Galion; and Cordelia, who is the wife of Ross W. Funck, who is an attorney at Wooster, O., and has one son and three daughters.

C. C. Coyle attended school in Galion. He was with the Citizens National Bank and later was a bookkeeper in a wholesale house in Cleveland and subsequently was southern agent for five years for the Stirling Water-tube boilers, with headquarters in Cincinnati, and after returning to Galion he entered into the lumber business. When The Galion Lumber Company was merged from a firm into a corporation in 1902, Mr. Coyle was made secretary and treasurer and became one of the five directors. The business is an extensive one, is well financed and ably managed, the manu-

facturing output being all kinds of builders' supplies and store and bank furniture, employment being given twenty workmen, trade being largely local. The company deals also in masons' supplies and coal.

Mr. Coyle was married at Toledo, O., to Miss Lulu Winter, who was born at Bucyrus, O., and they have two children: Elizabeth Eleanor, who was born July 8, 1905; and Charles Winter, who was born August 8, 1908. Mr. and Mrs. Coyle are members of the Presbyterian church. In politics he is a Republican and fraternally belongs to the Knights of Pythias. He is president of the Commercial Club.

ADAM DONNENWIRTH, a highly respected citizen of Cranberry township, Crawford county, O., a retired farmer residing two miles south and east of New Washington, O., where he owns 70 acres of well improved land, was born at Columbus, O., Jan. 28, 1835, and is a son of George and Sophia Donnenwirth.

Adam Donnenwirth attended school at Columbus and also in Cranberry township after his father moved here with his family, and then decided to devote his attention to agricultural pursuits and ever since has been engaged in farming and stock raising, retiring from the active management of his industries after many years of success. After marriage he settled one-half mile east of New Washington and remained on that farm for ten years, when he came to his present one and operated it until 1907, when he practically retired. He not only followed farming methods that enriched his land and made it more productive but he took a deep interest in improving his surroundings and after erecting a handsome residence, turned his attention to his other farm buildings and a substantial bank barn soon replaced the earlier one.

Mr. Donnenwirth married Miss Elizabeth Shaffer, a daughter of George Shaffer, and a member of one of the old county families. Mrs. Donnenwirth died in April, 1911, and her burial was at New Washington. To Mr. and Mrs. Donnenwirth 11 children were born, as follows: Jefferson, who lives in California; Charles, who died at Bucyrus; John, who died in 1908; Annie, who is the wife of Jacob Biber and resides in Cranberry township; Ed-

ward, who lives in Holmes township; Martin, who lives near Crestline; Robert, who carries on the home farm; and the others died in infancy. Mr. Donnewirth and family attend the Lutheran church.

EMERY RUPERT, who resides on the old Rupert homestead situated in Lykens township, Crawford county, a valuable tract of eighty acres, was born here Dec. 12, 1866, and is a son of Solomon and Lydia (Haas) Rupert.

Solomon Rupert was born in Stark county, O., and after coming to Crawford county, O., followed farming in Lykens township. He married Lydia Hass, who was born in Crawford county, and here their three children were born, namely: Aaron; Ellen, wife of A. J. Seele; and Emery. Mr. Rupert and wife were members of the Pietist church in Chatfield township. Their burial was at Brokenword.

Emery Rupert attended the public schools in Lykens township and then during one term was a student at Ada, O., after which he returned and gave his father assistance on the farm until the latter's death. A few years later he purchased the homestead and has continued here. He carries on general farming. He is enterprising and progressive in his methods and succeeds in making every acre of his land profitable.

On March 19, 1911, Mr. Rupert was married to Mrs. Alice (Angene) Hawkins, widow to Walter Hawkins, and daughter of Adam and Mary (Gerhart) Angene. To her first marriage, Mrs. Rupert had five daughters born, namely: Irene, Ruth, Irma, Elizabeth and Helen. Mr. Rupert and family attend church at Brokenword. In politics he is a Democrat and he has served two terms as township assessor. He belongs to the Patrons of Husbandry at Brokenword and to the Knights of Pythias at Lykens.

JOHN LUST, a retired farmer and highly respected citizen of Cranberry township, Crawford county, O., where he owns 104 acres of very valuable land which is situated in section 15 and lies two miles southeast of New Washington, O., was born in Chatfield township, Crawford county, June 5, 1845. His parents were Conrad and Magdalena (Myer) Lust.

Conrad Lust was born in Germany but came to the United States when about five years old, his parents settling first in Pennsylvania and later coming to Ohio, where Conrad attended school in Marion county. He married Magdalena Myer, who was born in Pennsylvania, but was reared in Columbiana county, O. After marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Lust settled in Chatfield township, and continued to live there throughout life, the death of Conrad Lust occurring in his 64th year, while his widow survived to the age of seventy-three. They were members of the Pietist church. Of their nine children, eight reside in Crawford county, Daniel and Solomon, together with John Beal, a son-in-law, residing on the old homestead of 333 acres.

John Lust has been engaged in farming all his mature life, first on the home place and later for himself. For seven years he remained in Chatfield township, but in 1875 moved to the present farm in Cranberry township, from which he moved to Liberty township in 1886 and remained for five and one-half years and then returned to his Cranberry township property.

Mr. Lust married Miss Susanna Pfeleiderer, a daughter of Jacob Pfeleiderer of Liberty township and two children were born to them: an infant son, deceased; and William, who lived to the age of eight months. Mr. and Mrs. Lust are members of the Pietist church. While Mr. Lust has never been active in politics, he has always been interested in the substantial progress made by his community and has lent his influence in the direction of temperance, education and religion.

A. W. MONROE, one of Galion's able and representative business men, secretary of the Home Savings & Loan Company, at Galion, O., a capitalized concern of \$2,000,000, and for many years additionally interested in enterprises of large importance, was born in Ohio, and in 1877 was graduated from the Galion High School.

His business career began early and for a long period he was cashier of the First National Bank of Galion, severing his relations in 1905 in order to devote more attention to his many other interests. He is secretary and treasurer of the Galion Metallic Vault Company, which is capitalized at \$100,000, and

has been manufacturing steel burial vaults since 1905, a successful business being done all over the country, seven traveling men being on the road and employment being afforded 50 persons. Mr. Monroe is concerned officially or otherwise, with numerous other manufacturing concerns but probably is best known in his connection with the Home Savings & Loan Company of Galion. The organization of this company took place in 1891, with a capital of \$300,000, which was first increased to \$600,000, and in 1903 was again increased to \$1,000,000 and since then has again doubled its capital. It was organized as a State institution under State laws and under its original officers has made remarkable progress and in all that has been done, Mr. Monroe has been the moving spirit. He came to Galion in 1870, from Norwalk, where he was born in 1859, in company with his parents, Orin and Julia (Pettis) Monroe, and has occupied a representative position here for many years, not only in the business world but as an interested and responsible citizen.

In 1880, Mr. Monroe was married at Galion, O., to Miss Mary E. Armacost, who was born in Darke county, O., attended the Galion public schools and pursued her musical and artistic studies in the Wesleyan University at Delaware, O., and Baldwin University near Cleveland and for some time prior to her marriage was a teacher of music, possessing great natural ability in this direction. Her early life was partly spent in Indiana. Her parents were William M. and Hannah Britton (Young) Robbins Armacost. Her father was born near Baltimore, Md. For a number of years he was a merchant tailor in the city of Washington and many notable names were on his books as patrons. He was twice married, his second wife being the mother of Mrs. Monroe. He was born in 1800 and died in Darke county, O., in 1865. The mother of Mrs. Monroe was born in 1819, at Lancaster, Pa., and died in 1900, at Galion, O. She was married first to Isaac Robbins and the two children born to that union survive. To her second marriage two children were born: Mrs. Monroe and James Murray, the latter residing with his family at Barborton, O.

Mr. and Mrs. Monroe have two sons: Otho Lee and E. Paul. Otho Lee Monroe was

graduated from the Galion High School and then entered the Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware, O., where he was graduated in the class of 1904, and four years later was graduated from the medical department of Columbia University, New York, with his degree. Subsequently he took a post graduate course of two years in St. Luke's Hospital, New York City. He is at present engaged in professional work, having a large practice in the metropolis. The second son, E. Paul Monroe, was graduated from the Galion High School in the class of 1903 and from the Ohio Wesleyan University in the class of 1907, both he and brother taking high honors as students. He is, at present, occupying a clerical position with the Galion Metallic Vault Company and with the Home Savings & Loan Company of Galion. He married Miss Georgetta Pavey, of Leesburg, O. Mr. and Mrs. Monroe are members of the First Methodist Episcopal Church of Galion, with which he has been connected as Sunday-school superintendent for 21 years, while Mrs. Monroe has been church organist for 18 years. They have many social duties to perform, being leaders in many circles, and Mrs. Monroe has been a trustee of the Public Library since its incorporation in 1901, a very active and efficient member of this body.

JACOB UHL, who is one of the highly respected citizens of New Washington, O., residing in his comfortable home, which is situated on East Mansfield Street, has been retired from agricultural activities since 1907, but still retains valuable properties in Cranberry township, Crawford county. He was born at Offenbach, Bavaria, Germany, Jan. 25, 1833, and was brought to Cranberry township, Crawford county, O., when three and one-half years old, by his parents, Benedict and Anna Mary (Mesmer) Uhl. Jacob Uhl's paternal grandfather was John Uhl and the maternal grandfather was Benedict Mesmer; the former died in 1801, never having come to the United States.

Benedict Uhl and a fellow countryman purchased 80 acres of land in partnership and when an equal division was made, Mr. Uhl took that portion which is the present site of New Washington and he lived in one of the seven cabins in the place, his home being one

mile north of town. There is always some particular reason to account for the naming of a village and in the case of New Washington it perpetuates the name of George Washington Meyer, who laid out the plan and secured the services of a surveyor to divide the land into lots and then gave his name to the settlement. It might, with good reason, have been named for the Uhl family as this one has been identified with its development from the beginning. Benedict Uhl was a wheelwright by trade and in many a household in this neighborhood may be found spinning wheels of his constructing, this domestic industry being one of importance in almost every family in his day. He resided north of New Washington for two years and then moved on his farm of 40 acres, which he cleared and here built a round log house which was later replaced by a large frame one, and to his original purchase subsequently added fifty acres of the Daniel Murphy farm. His death occurred on the first farm, in August, 1863, and was survived by his wife for a few years, their burials being at New Washington. They had the following children born to them: Appleonia, Catherine, Benedict, Jacob, Daniel and Mary Ann, the last named dying at the age of 18 years. The parents were members of the Roman Catholic church.

Jacob Uhl with his brothers and sisters were reared near New Washington and there attended the early schools. He spent a busy boyhood and youth, working at the carpenter trade and on the home and neighboring farms and worked also as a farm hand in Huron county before the outbreak of the Civil War, when he enlisted for army service and served through the Rebellion as a member of Co. C, 49th O. Vol. Inf. His first enlistment was in 1861, he reenlisting in 1863 to serve through the war. His commanding officer was Captain Keller of Sulphur Springs. He was seriously wounded at Atlanta, Ga., June 27, 1864, by a shot through the neck, which kept him in the hospital until the following February, when he rejoined his regiment and received his honorable discharge in January, 1866, at Columbus.

Mr. Uhl returned then to New Washington and was married here to Miss Margaret Nedolast, who was born in Rocheway, Bohemia, a

daughter of John and Elizabeth Nedolast, who settled in Cranberry township in 1854. They became well known people there. To Mr. and Mrs. Uhl the following children were born: Elizabeth, who is the wife of J. R. Miller; George Jacob, who married Mary Shell; Michael B.; Joseph, who is a teacher at Dayton, O.; Lawrence, who married Mary Raymond; and Mary, who is the wife of Cornelius Miller, of Toledo, O.

After marriage, Mr. Uhl settled on his farm of 80 acres one mile north east of New Washington and to his first farm added twenty adjoining acres and later ninety acres, situated near Waynesburg, and still later the eighty-acre farm now owned by his son, George Uhl. As noted above Mr. Uhl has lived retired from business care for the last five years. He has never been a very active politician but served one term as supervisor of Cranberry township, elected on the Republican ticket. Mr. Uhl and family belong to the Roman Catholic church.

WILLIAM H. SONGER, a thoroughly representative citizen of Crawford county, a man of large means and public prominence in his community, resides on his finely improved farm of 160 acres, which is situated in Sandusky township, ten and one-half miles north-east of Bucyrus. His other 269 acres in this county lie in Whetstone and Liberty townships. He was born in 1873, in Sandusky township and is a son of Jacob and Lydia (Schreck) Songer.

Jacob Songer was born in Pennsylvania and he had eight brothers and sisters, namely: Daniel J., John, Jonathan, Rose, Elizabeth, Sophia, Sarah and Mary, the surviving ones being: Daniel J., Rose, Elizabeth and Sarah.

William H. Songer was reared on his father's farm in Sandusky township and attended the public schools. He married Miss Marie E. Reiff, who was one of the following family born to her parents: Charles A. E., living in Holmes township, who married Minnie Snively and has four children—Lulu, Floy, Arthur and Olan; Marie E., wife of our subject; Paul O., deceased; John C., who lives in Holmes township and who married Estie Frost and has two children—Chester and Russell; Hannah M., the wife of W. O. Taylor, who lives in Andrews, Ind., and has three chil-

Jren—Earl, Ralph and Mary; Henry J., who married M. Miller and lives in Bucyrus; Rosa, widow of Lawrence Messnard, who lives in Andrews, Ind., and has one son, Donald; and Lewis W., who married Hazel Schofield, and lives in Andrews, Ind., and has a daughter, Edith.

Mr. and Mrs. Songer have two children: Lloyd and Delwyn, both of whom live at home. In politics Mr. Songer is a staunch Democrat and is an influential man in many directions in the county. He is one of the trustees of Sandusky township and is also treasurer of the township school board. His farm home is considered the finest rural residence in Sandusky township, being beautifully situated and fitted with modern comforts and conveniences.

CAPT. WILLIAM R. DAVIS, a veteran of the Civil war, who was formerly engaged in agricultural pursuits but is now living retired in Galion, is a native of Crawford county, born in Sandusky township, April 7, 1835. He is a son of John and Mary (Hamilton) Davis, the former of whom was born in Maryland in 1797, and the latter in Pennsylvania in 1802, she being a relation of Alexander Hamilton. They were early settlers in Columbiana county, Ohio, where they lived until after the birth of their ninth child. In 1829 or 1830 they settled in Crawford county, locating in Sandusky township on partly improved land, where they built up a substantial home. His land consisted of 240 acres, which he brought to a high state of cultivation. During their early residence here they had many hard experiences, being obliged to haul their grain to the Lakes to market it, and drive their live stock to Philadelphia. John Davis died in Sandusky township, this county, in 1883 at the age of 88 years, his wife having previously passed away, in 1878. They were Methodists in religion and he was a Whig and later a Republican in politics. They were the parents of 13 children—seven sons and six daughters—all of whom married and had children, except one daughter. All, however, are now deceased, except the subject of this sketch.

William R. Davis was the eleventh child of his parents. He was reared and educated in the district schools and when 21 years of age entered the employ of the Big Four Railroad

as conductor, residing at Galion. In 1885, he removed to Marshall county, Ind., where he was engaged in farming from that time until 1910. He then returned to Galion and took possession of his present residence at 314 Orange street, where he now lives retired.

On Aug. 15, 1862 he enlisted from Galion in Company E, 101st Regt., O. V. I., under Capt. William C. Parsons and Col. Leander Stem, and was made corporal of his company. The regiment formed a part of the Army of the Cumberland, under Gen. Rosecrans, afterward under Gen. George H. Thomas, and after the battle of Chickamauga, on the reorganization of the army it was assigned to the First Division, First Brigade and Fourth Corps. With it Mr. Davis did gallant service until his discharge on June 12, 1865, remaining a member of the regiment from muster in to muster out, was never on the sick list a day, and was never wounded or captured, being the only member of the regiment living today who can say as much. He took part in the battles of Perryville, Ky., Oct. 8, 1862; Stone River, Dec. 31, 1862, Jan. 1st and 2nd, 1863, where the colonel and lieutenant-colonel were both killed; afterwards was in several minor engagements; then in the great and bloody battle of Chickamauga, Sept. 19-20, 1863; and afterwards in the battles at Rock Face Ridge, Ball Knob, Resaca and Atlanta, Lovejoy Station, Franklin and Nashville, besides many skirmishes. He was made commissary sergeant, in November, 1862; first lieutenant, Sept. 29, 1864, with the rank of captain, and held this rank at the time of his discharge. At the battle of Franklin he captured a dozen Confederates with the men under his command. He had many marvelous escapes, some so narrow that at times he almost thinks he must have had a charmed life to have avoided death, injury or capture. As may be supposed, Capt. Davis can tell many interesting stories of the war—stories the interest of which is enhanced by the fact that they describe a part of his own personal experience and are therefore of unimpugned veracity.

Capt. Davis was married in Galion, O., Oct. 14, 1856, to Miss Leah M. McCrady, who was born in Polk township, near Galion, this county, June 8, 1838, and who was brought

up in this locality. Her parents were Isaac and Margaret (Parsons) McCrady, of Lancaster county, Pa., who were there married and who resided there until 1837, when, after the birth of three children, they came to Crawford county, Ohio, where the remainder of their lives were spent. Mr. McCrady died at the Old Olentangia Tavern, near Galion, in 1841 when in the prime of life. His wife survived him many years, being married 25 years after his death to Jesse Perkypile, with whom she lived for 18 years.

Mr. and Mrs. Davis have been the parents of eight children—Frank D., Charles, Henry, Belle, Louisa Lee, James J., Augusta, and Jean, of whom the following is a partial record. Frank died in early manhood. Charles died at the age of three years. Henry died in early manhood. Belle is the widow of Andrew Mould and lives in Omaha, Neb. She has three children—Mabel, Addison and Harriet, of whom the last mentioned married a Mr. Jaschka. Louisa Lee is a widow; has no children. James J. resides in Columbus, O., is married and has a son, Robert. Augusta is the wife of William M. McNeil, and lives in Marion, O. She has a daughter, Marian. Jean is the wife of Dr. Morton W. Bland of Bellevue, O., and has a daughter, Florence. Capt. Davis is a charter member of Dick Morris Post, no, 130, G. A. R., which he served as first adjutant and later as senior vice commander. He is a Republican in politics and attends the Presbyterian church.

JOHN I. WENTZ,* one of the enterprising and educated men and progressive agriculturists of Holmes township, Crawford county, O., resides on his fine farm of 138 acres, which lies one and one-half miles west of Bucyrus, this being the old Wentz homestead. He was born here, Nov. 27, 1878, and is a son of John Wentz, formerly a well known man of this township.

John I. Wentz completed the common school course in Holmes township and then spent one year as a student at the Ohio State University at Columbus and afterward took an agricultural and engineering course at the Ohio Normal University at Ada. Mr. Wentz was thus well equipped for farming, just as he would have been had his intentions been for law or

medicine, and in the success that has attended his farm activities, there is proof that his time was well employed. He assisted his father until his own marriage, when he purchased the homestead and has carried on farming and stock raising here ever since. With the exception of erecting the farm residence, Mr. Wentz has made all the other substantial improvements on the place and has a well kept, up-to-date farm.

Mr. Wentz was united in marriage with Miss Lillian Florence Miller, a daughter of Frank and Effie Miller, the latter of whom survives. Frank Miller was born in Richland county, O., came in early manhood to Crawford county and engaged in farming, his death occurring at the age of 42 years. Mr. and Mrs. Miller had eight children born to them, namely: Irvin, who lives in South Dakota; Mrs. Wentz; Carl, who is a resident of Bucyrus and Harry, of Chicago; Ina who lives with her mother; Mrs. Samuel Lenthold; Frank and Eleanor, both of whom live at home. Mr. and Mrs. Wentz have three children; Richard George, Florence Eleanor and James. Mr. Wentz and family attend the Presbyterian church at Bucyrus. In his views on public questions he maintains an independent attitude and the only political office he has ever accepted was that of justice of the peace, in 1906, and served one term. His interest in agricultural interests is hearty and he is a valued member of the local Grange.

CHARLES E. STINE, cashier of the Babst Banking Company, at Crestline, O., was born here, July 3, 1868, and is a son of Adam and Hannah (Wentz) Stine.

Adam Stine was born in Bucks county, Pa., and came to Shelby, O., and was reared in Richland county from youth. In Richland county he married Hannah Wentz, who was born in Perry county, Pa., and then came to Crestline, about the time the railroad now known as the Big Four line was being built. He was a carpenter by trade and assisted in the construction of the bridges and station buildings then being constructed by the railroad company. Later he went to Delaware, O., and helped to build the old college buildings there, and in 1854 returned to Crestline and started a planing mill here, which he operated

until he retired in 1892, about the time of death which occurred in 1892, his wife surviving until 1901. They were charter members of the English Lutheran church. Of their seven children, five were sons and two daughters and all survive.

Charles E. Stine attended the public schools at Crestline until the age of 16 years and then entered the Babst Banking House as an employe and has continued to be identified with this firm and is held in such very high regard by Mr. Babst, that he fills the office of cashier without any bonds. He is well known in financial circles throughout the country and has proven himself an accurate and astute business man.

Mr. Stine was married to Miss Grace A. Reed, who was born and educated here. They have one daughter, Dorothy, who was born Aug. 9, 1903. Mr. Stine is a responsive citizen but is not particularly active in politics.

C. P. FRANK, for many years connected with the Pittsburg, Fort Wayne & Chicago Railway Company as foreman of the copper shops, at Crestline, now retired from railroad life but still active in business affairs, is president of the Crestline Building and Loan Association, one of the city's important commercial enterprises. Mr. Frank was born in Butler county, Pa., Jan. 21, 1839, and is a son of John G. and Mary (Schneider) Frank.

John G. Frank was born and reared in Germany and came to the United States in 1835, locating at Saxonburg, in Butler county, Pa., where he engaged in farming and also conducted a tannery. He died there in 1870, in his seventieth year and was a member of the German Lutheran church during the greater part of his life. He married the widow of Carl Halm and a daughter of Christian Schneider. She also was a native of Germany and was the mother of ten children, five born to her first and five to her second union.

C. P. Frank was the eldest son and second child of his parents and in boyhood attended the district schools for about three months during the year, in the meanwhile making himself useful to his father. When 17 years old he went to Pittsburg and there entered a foundry to learn the trade of coppersmith and served an apprenticeship of four years, after

which he entered the employ of Prior, Harbeck & Co., a Cleveland firm. He continued work at his trade there for nine months and then came first to Galion, where he was engaged with the old Bee line railroad company for four years, and from there, in 1863, came to Crestline and this city has continued his home ever since. For 45 years Mr. Frank was foreman of the coppersmith department in the shops of the Pittsburg, Fort Wayne & Chicago Railroad Company, now the Pennsylvania Lines west of Pittsburg, a fact which speaks for itself in proving his capacity in his trade. He had a long and successful business career with this corporation and reliance was placed on his skill and experience while personal esteem was felt for him by his employers. Since retiring from railroad work, Mr. Frank has continued his active interest in the operations of the Crestline Building and Loan Association, has displayed excellent judgment, a thorough knowledge of realty values and an energy that might be envied by a much younger man.

On Feb. 4, 1862, Mr. Frank was married to Miss Elen A. Keen who was three years old when she was brought to America by her parents, who settled among other German pioneers in Crawford county and became well known and respected people of this section. Mr. and Mrs. Frank have four children living, namely: John E., who is assistant to the chief clerk in the general freight office of the Pere Marquette Railroad at Toledo, O.; Mary M., the widow of I. W. Tarkworthy, who lives in Cleveland, O.; Willard A., machinist, living at Galion, O.; and Frederick G., who succeeded his father as foreman in the Pennsylvania Lines shops at Crestline. Two children died, Nelly C. and Alice J., aged two and six years respectively. Mr. Frank and family are members of the Presbyterian church. Politically he is a Republican and fraternally is identified with the Masons and Odd Fellows.

JOSEPH GILBERT SMITH, a retired farmer and well known citizen, residing in Galion, O., was born in Jefferson township, Crawford county, O., Dec. 15, 1839, a son of Joseph and Mary (Kirkpatrick) Smith. His paternal grandfather, John Jacob Smith, was

a native of Germany, who married in his native land and came to America, settling in Perry county, Pa., about 1798, he and his wife dying in that state at an advanced age. They were farmers by occupation, Mrs. Smith being a Presbyterian in religion.

The parents of our subject were both born in Perry county, Pa. Joseph Smith (the father) was brought up to farming and married his first wife, Mary Kirkpatrick, in Perry county. After the birth of their first two children—Leonard and Mary E.—they removed, in 1837, to Ohio, making the journey with teams, and stopping here and there by the wayside. When they reached Crawford county, Joseph Smith selected and entered 150 acres of solid timber land, in Jefferson township, and, being a practical carpenter, he cut out timber and built himself quite a comfortable home. There were no roads in the locality at that time, so for some years the family lived a real pioneer existence in the wilderness. His first wife Mary, who had accompanied him to this section, did not long survive, dying on the day that her last child, the subject of this sketch, was born, Dec. 17, 1839. She was only 23 years old. Joseph later married in this county a cousin of hers, Nancy Kirkpatrick, who was born in Pennsylvania, and she died on the homestead at the age of 58, leaving two children, Alvin and Matilda, the former of whom now resides on the homestead, is married and has a family. Matilda married William Michaels, who is now deceased, and died herself when over 60 years old, leaving two children. Joseph Smith, after the death of his second wife, contracted a third marriage, this time to Sarah Welsh, nee Kirkpatrick, who was a sister of his second wife. She died without issue, and her husband Joseph, died April 26, 1870.

Joseph Gilbert Smith grew up on his father's farm and was trained to agricultural pursuits. He conducted a farm for his father until 1870, when he came to Galion, where he remained five years. He then purchased a farm near No. Robinson, in Whetstone township, this county, which was his home until October, 1911. He then sold 64 of the 84 acres he owned there and took up his residence again in Galion, purchasing his fine home at No. 225 No. Union street, where he is enjoying a well earned respite from hard labor.

He was married in Jefferson township, this county, Nov. 8, 1863, to Miss Amanda Van Voorhis, who was born at Olentazie, this county, April 20, 1843, a daughter of William R. and Almeda (Johnson) Van Voorhis. Her paternal grandparents were Samuel N. and Sarah (Meyers) Van Voorhis, who came to this section in the second decade of the 19th century, locating at the early settlement known as Olentazie, south of Bucyrus, and on the plains. Samuel N. Van Voorhis assisted in laying out the city of Bucyrus, the site of which lay partly on his early farm. He helped to organize the first Christian (or Campbellite) church in this county, and was a member of that faith at the time of his death, which took place when he had attained an advanced age. His wife died several years before him.

William R. Van Voorhis was born near Schuylkill, N. Y., May 25, 1802, the early Dutch ancestors of the family having settled on the Hudson and Mohawk rivers several generations before. After coming to Ohio with his parents he grew up on the homestead in Bucyrus township, where he remained until after his marriage. He then purchased a new timber farm in Whetstone township, where he lived for several years. He then went to Michigan and while living there, not far from St. Joseph, he lost his wife, who was in maidenhood Miss Hannah Jones. She left him with five children. He returned with them to Crawford county, O., where later he married his second wife, Almeda Johnson. Here they spent the rest of their lives, Mr. Van Voorhis dying Aug. 4, 1893, and his wife at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Smith, on July 7, 1910. She was over 92 years old, having been born March 10, 1818. They were lifelong members of the Christian church and he was a strong Democrat in politics. They had a family of twelve children, of whom five are still living and one is yet unmarried.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith have been the parents of eleven children, as follows: (1) Lora A., born Aug. 11, 1864, is the wife of Henry S. Evert, of Galion and has three children—Beatrice, Stewart and Arthur. (2) Alice E., born Oct. 2, 1867, is the wife of Newton Evert, a farmer of Whetstone township and has two children—Marion A. and Paul G. (3) Bertha, who has been a public school teacher in Galion for some years and who re-

sides at home. (4) Jessie E., born 1872, July 12, who is the wife of Charles A. Throckmorton and lives in Columbus, O. Her children are Warren S. and Maxwell H. (5) Eva E., born Nov. 5, 1875, who is the wife of Michael Eusey and lives in Galion. She has three children—Cora, Fred and Gordon. (6) Charles B., a farmer in Chatfield township, who is unmarried. (7) Lettie E., a school teacher, unmarried, who resides at home. (8) Helen M., who married Orvin Braden, resides in Wooster, O., and has a son Donald. (9) Ethel T., who died at the age of eleven years. (10) Edna L., unmarried, who is a stenographer and resides in Cleveland, O. (11) Josephine, born in September, 1878, who is the wife of Dorsey Littler and resides in Galion, has no children. Mr. and Mrs. Smith are members of the English Lutheran church. They are well known and have a wide circle of friends. Mr. Smith is a Republican in politics.

PEARL J. HILLS, whose well cultivated farm of 100 acres is situated in section 21, Auburn township, Crawford county, O., is a native of Auburn township, born June 24, 1878, and is a son of Julius and Alvira Hills, both of whom are now deceased.

Pearl J. Hills was reared in Auburn township and attended the public schools and began his farm training on his paternal grandfather's estate, where he grew up. For four years after his marriage he rented land, after which he purchased his present valuable place. He is an up-to-date, progressive agriculturist and has drained and tiled his land at an expense of hundreds of dollars and has it all under tillage except 14 acres woodland and pasture. He devotes some attention to raising fine Jersey cattle, feeds from eight to twelve horses a year and never sells hay, finding it more profitable to feed the crop and in this way return to the soil what is taken out of it. Mr. Hills is one of the well informed farmers who own and value a silo and he is confident that it saves him three hundred dollars worth of feed a year. He has taken pride in the appearance of his property and all the buildings have been remodeled and all surroundings are attractive. Mr. Hills is also agent for the Overland Automobile for Auburn, Vernon and Cranberry townships and has disposed of a number of these fine cars.

Mr. Hills married Miss Mary E. Melick, who was born in Richland county, O., and they have four children: Harry, Florence, Otis and Ross. In politics Mr. Hills is a Democrat and is a member of the Board of Education at the present time and served previously in the same office for two terms. He belongs to the local Grange and also to the Knights of Pythias and to the Odd Fellows, at Tiro. With his family he attends the Baptist church.

FRANK E. LAMB, a representative and substantial citizen of Bucyrus, O., property owner and civic official, was born in Ingham county, Mich., March 11, 1850, and is a son of George S. and Laura (Silsby) Lamb.

George S. Lamb was a well known man in several sections of the country. He was born in Ohio and for a number of years engaged in farming, after which he became an Indian trader and subsequently located in Murray county, Minn., his being the eighth family to settle there. It was a wild region at that time and Mr. Lamb's business often left him unprotected and on one of his trips he was killed by the Indians, this occurring in what is known as the Little Crow massacre. He married Laura Silsby, who was born in New York, a daughter of Felix Silsby, and three children were born to them: Frank E.; Emma, deceased, who was the wife of Sanford Peck; and a child that died when five years old.

Frank E. Lamb had but meager educational opportunities, growing up on a farm that was 65 miles distant from any town. He was only a boy of 14 years when he succeeded in enlisting for service in the Civil War and was out for nine months and fifteen days as a member of Co. C, 195th O. Vol. Inf., from Williams county, O. He then returned to Williams county and was but 18 years old when he was married, on Nov. 19, 1868, to Miss Mary Ogle. She was born in Williams county, where her grandfather, Robert Ogle, was the fifth settler in its early days. Her parents were Thomas and Jerusha (Clark) Ogle, the former of whom was a native of Columbiana county, O., a civil engineer and a farmer. The mother of Mrs. Lamb was born in Pennsylvania. They had three children: Robert, Eliza, deceased, who was the wife of Henry Champion; and Mary.

To Mr. and Mrs. Lamb the following children were born: Cora, the widow of Neal Sullivan, who has four children—Eunice, Frank, Clyde and Russell; Edgar F., who married Mary Quinn, and has ten children—Herbert, Cora, Howard, Elsie, Maurice, Edgar, Hilda, Vivian, Ralph and Glen; Laura, who married Milo R. Haynes, and has two children—Donald and Naomi; Nellie, who is the wife of Clarence N. Haynes, and has one daughter, Lila; and Mary, who is a popular and successful teacher at Bucyrus.

For many years Mr. Lamb has been prominent in political life at Bucyrus and at present is serving in his second term as a member of the city council. He is also in his fourth year as probation officer and formerly officiated as constable and for a long time as a justice of the peace. He has property investments at Bucyrus that include two handsome and valuable residences. He is a member of Keller Post No. 128, Grand Army of the Republic, of which he is the present quartermaster, having been interested in this post ever since it was organized. His family attends the United Brethren church. He is identified politically with the Democratic party. On August 3, 1912, Mr. Lamb was appointed justice of the peace in Bucyrus township.

GEORGE R. FOSTER, whose well cultivated farm of 79 acres lies in sections 14 and 23, Cranberry township, Crawford county, O., two and one-fourth miles southeast of New Washington, was born in Richland county, O., Jan. 25, 1877, a son of Reuben H. and Sarah E. Foster, who still reside in Richland county.

After his school days were over, George R. Foster lived for five years in Richland county, following farming. In March, 1907, he settled on his present farm, which he bought from his father-in-law and the Cox heirs. He has greatly improved his property, erecting the substantial buildings, fencing and draining, and raises hay, grain, cattle and hogs. He follows modern methods and believes in the best kind of farm machinery. Mr. Foster is a stockholder in the Toledo Life Insurance Company, of Toledo, O.

On Oct. 24, 1891, Mr. Foster was married to Miss Maude E. Hageman, who was born on this farm, a daughter of Henry and Martha

Hageman. Mrs. Foster is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, which Mr. Foster attends and liberally supports. He is identified with the Knights of Pythias and belongs also to Cranberry Grange. He is not very active in politics but has always been identified with the Democratic party and never fails in the duties of a good citizen.

T. E. HILBORN,* who is serving in his second term as trustee of Tod township, Crawford county, O., residing on the old Hilborn homestead, situated two miles south of Ocella, O., was born here in 1874 and is a son of Samuel and Mary (Rhinehart) Hilborn.

Samuel Hilborn was born in Ashland county, O., and came to the present home farm when a young man, cleared it, developed its agricultural possibilities and erected the substantial buildings. His death occurred here when he was aged 68 years. He married Mary Rhinehart, who is now in her 70th year and resides at Nevada, O. Ten children were born to them, namely: Mrs. Krickbaum, of Wyandot county; Charles and Joseph, both of Bucyrus; Clara, deceased; Mrs. Stella Gregg, of Nevada; Mrs. Floe Gingery; T. E.; Mrs. Hilborn, of Iowa; Royal, of Nevada; and Mabel, living at home.

T. E. Hilborn has been engaged in farming ever since his school days and operates the home place of 120 acres for his mother. He is known as a capable and successful farmer and as a good business man. He married Mabel Todd, of Tiro, O., whose mother resides at Akron. In politics Mr. Hilborn is a strong Democrat and as township trustee is a valuable township official. He is identified with the Junior Order of American Mechanics and with the Knights of Pythias. With his wife he belongs to the Methodist Episcopal church at Nevada, O.

WILLIAM J. GEER, one of the oldest practicing lawyers at Galion, O., may easily be numbered with the leading members of the bar and at the same time is more or less prominent in other lines of business. He was born at Clermont county, O., Oct. 8, 1858, and is a son of Rev. John J. and Sarah (Smith) Geer.

Rev. John J. Geer was born in 1833, in Rockbridge county, Va., where his father and



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grandfather were native born, the family having been established there prior to the Revolutionary War. Grandfather Geer became convinced of the injustice of slavery and after liberating his negroes came to Ohio and in the late 30's settled near Sidney, in Shelby county, where he died in 1870. He and wife were Wesleyan Methodists. Their son, John J. Geer, grew up mainly in Shelby county and when he united with a religious body it was with the Protestant Methodists, in which he became a preacher and was pastor of the old George Street Church, Cincinnati, when the Civil War broke out. In May, 1861, he enlisted as chaplain in the 48th O. Vol. Inf. At the battle of Shiloh he was captured by the Confederates and with his unfortunate comrades was afterward incarcerated in Andersonville Prison. In some way he managed to escape but was pursued by the blood hounds kept by Capt. Werz for that purpose and was recaptured and again made to suffer within that terrible stockade. When he was finally exchanged there was little hope entertained by his friends that he would recover his health, but his constitution at that time was strong and in 1863 he determined to again face the dangers and hardships that so many of his fellow men were bravely enduring. Although he had enlisted as chaplain it was his own wish that he be given an active place in the command and the company elected him captain and later became adjutant general on the staff of General Buckland. He enlisted a second time as a member of the 183rd O. Vol. Inf. and at the close of the war was made chaplain and superintendent of the Geer Hospital at Wilmington, N. C., and was honorably discharged in 1865. He was the author of a stirring story of those memorable days, relating his personal experiences, the title of it being "Beyond the Lines" or "Yankee Prisoner Loose in Dixie." These hardships had shattered his health to such an extent that he never recovered and two years after the close of the war, on Aug. 25, 1867, this brave and good man passed away, a true martyr in the cause of his country.

John J. Geer married Sarah Smith, who was born Jan. 25, 1836 and died on the old farm on which she was born in Clermont county, O., July 7, 1880. She was a woman of such

rare qualities that she impressed her personality on all who knew her and in loving, reverent remembrance her son, William J. Geer, bears testimony that all he is and has been of good is due to her. She came of worthy ancestry. Her parents were David and Sarah (Conklin) Smith, who came from New Jersey to Ohio in 1798, and settled at what is now known as Walnut Hill. The Smiths of Smithville and the Conklins and Cranes of Crane's Mills, N. J. were kindred through intermarriage and their ancestors were Revolutionary soldiers. David Smith was an early pork packer, a pioneer in that great industry and formerly it was his custom to take his meats down the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers on rafts. Late in life he retired to a farm in Clermont county, O., where he died. His wife subsequently remarried but her last days were spent with a daughter at Galion. To John J. Geer and wife four children were born, the two survivors being: William J. of Galion, and Charles E., of Cincinnati, O.

William J. Geer was an ambitious boy and is largely a self made man. While still on the farm and facing many early problems relating to his future advancement, he determined in some way to secure an education in the law. His opportunities were meager indeed, but he secured some law books and absorbed the foundation principles before he ever left the farm. He then earned the money which insured him a course in the Normal School at Lebanon, O., and afterward, for seven years he taught school, in the meanwhile devoting all possible time to his law studies. On May 27, 1886, he was admitted to the bar and immediately opened his law office at Galion and has occupied the same quarters in the Citizens Bank Building since June of that year. For many years Mr. Geer has stood at the head of the bar here and many honors have been tendered him by his associates during this long period. They recognize his personal as well as professional qualities and know that no lawyer in the State is readier with his legal knowledge nor better qualified for professional advancement. At one time he was the nominee for Common Pleas judge for three counties and for four years he served as city solicitor. Politically he is a Republican and for six years he was mayor of Galion, his long administration

being noted for its many admirable things accomplished.

Mr. Geer was married at Plymouth, O., to Miss Edith Katherine Drenan, who was born in Richland county and educated at Delaware University. She is a daughter of W. W. and Hannah (Brinkerhoff) Drennan and a niece of the late General Roeliff Brinkerhoff, formerly of Mansfield, O., well known for his philanthropies. Mr. and Mrs. Geer have two sons; William Drenan and David Smith. Mrs. Geer was reared in the Presbyterian church but Mr. Geer retains his Methodist membership. He is identified fraternally with the leading organizations, is a Knight Templar Mason, has been exalted ruler of the Elks at Galion since its organization, and is one of the oldest members of the Knights of Pythias in this city, having united with this body in 1887. He belongs to the Commercial Club and is secretary of the Galion Building & Loan Association. He has numerous other business interests and belongs to various charitable and benevolent bodies.

FRANK J. KREIM, who resides on his well improved and carefully tilled farm of 100 acres, which lies in section 23, Cranberry township, Crawford county, O., one mile south and one mile west of New Washington, is one of the enterprising agriculturists of this section of the county. He was born in Huron county, O., March 31, 1861, and is a son of Joseph and Barbara (Holley) Kreim.

Joseph Kreim was born in Germany and there learned the trade of nailsmith. He married in Germany and when he came to America he was accompanied by his wife and their three children: Catherine, Philip and Madeline. After reaching the United States he worked as a general laborer for a time and then bought 40 acres of the present home farm, on which his family lived during the nine months he served as a soldier in the Union Army during the Civil war. After his safe return he resumed farming and continued until he retired, some 15 years before his death, when aged 75 years. His widow survived into her 84th year, for some ten years before her death having made her home with her daughter, Mrs. Shell, in Cranberry township. They were devout members of the

Roman Catholic church at New Washington. After reaching America they had six other children born to them: Joseph, Frank J., Amelia and Annie, and two that died in infancy.

Frank J. Kreim remained on the home farm after his school days, his father adding 40 more acres and as much of it was swampy there was a great deal of work to be done before it was ready for cultivation and the services of the sons were needed. Later Frank J. bought the homestead and also an additional 20 acres that adjoins it and has put the greater number of the improvements here, including buildings, fences, laying drains and putting down tiling. All the land is now under cultivation except eight acres still in valuable timber. A general farming line is carried on and Mr. Kreim has every reason to be satisfied with the prosperity he enjoys.

Mr. Kreim married Miss Elizabeth Niedermeier, a daughter of Peter and Barbara Niedermeier, of Cranberry township, and they have eight children, namely: Clemens L., Edward M., Petronilla, Alphonse A., Reinald J., Rozena A., Marie C. and Walter A. Mr. Kreim and family are members of the Catholic church and he belongs to the Knights of Columbus. He has always given his political support to the candidates of the Democratic party.

JOHN S. ZIMMERMAN, who is somewhat retired from business activity although he keeps interested in many former avenues of activity, gives considerable attention to superintending his well improved farm of 118 acres, which is situated in Whetstone township, Crawford county. He was born in that township, Dec. 28, 1840, and is a son of Rev. Daniel and Charlotte (Schneider) Zimmerman.

Daniel Zimmerman and wife were born in one of the Rhine provinces, Prussia, and were married before starting for the United States in 1834. They took passage in one of the old-time sailing ships that offered no luxuries but took 60 days to make its slow way across the mighty Atlantic and safely landed its passengers at Baltimore, Md. Their objective point being Crawford county, O., they made the land journey by means of ox-teams per-

haps, as the roads were difficult to travel over at that time, but they finally reached Whetstone township with the babe that had been born on the ocean. It did not long survive.

Daniel Zimmerman was the only member of his family to come to America but there was quite a party made up of members of his wife's people, the Schneiders, who had been of consequence in Germany and who became good citizens of Ohio. At the head of the family was John Schneider, the father of Mrs. Zimmerman, and he was accompanied by his wife, four sons and four daughters. Two of these sons, John and Peter J., both became widely known as preachers in the German Methodist church in Ohio. The father of Mrs. Zimmerman was a man of such fine character that in 1852 his son, Rev. Peter J. Schneider, published a memorial book of 325 pages setting forth his life as an encouragement and inspiration to others. The Zimmermans and Schneiders finally settled on a tract of 160 acres which is now in Polk township, for which they paid the sum of \$350.

Shortly afterward, however, Daniel Zimmerman purchased a separate farm, in Whetstone township, all of which was wild land, and this he cleared and on this property he and his wife lived for many years, moving to Galion late in life, where she died in 1882, in her 70th year and he in 1884, when aged 72 years. During the entire period of his life in Ohio he was a minister in the Reformed church and continued to preach up to within a year of his death. He was a man of high character and consistent in every relation of life. He was the father of ten children, four of whom survive, namely: Elizabeth, who is the widow of Daniel Stump, of Whetstone township, and has two children; John S., whose name heads this sketch; William, who resides with his family on West Main street, Galion, and has one son; Anna, who resides with her brother, John S., at Galion.

John S. Zimmerman grew up in Whetstone township and attended the district schools, afterward assisting his father. For twelve years prior to 1877 he engaged in farming and then moved to Galion, where, in partnership with a brother-in-law, Wendell Helfrich, he went into the shoe business and continued for seven years. Failing health then caused him to retire and prudence has made him give

considerable attention to interests that require his being in the open air. On his farm he has made many improvements and it is one of the fine properties lying adjacent to the Winchester road.

Mr. Zimmerman was married in Whetstone township, to Miss Eliza J. Kester, who was born there May 13, 1844, a daughter of Jacob and Salome (Wise) Kester. They were born in Pennsylvania and came to Crawford county in the late thirties and spent the rest of their lives in Whetstone township, the mother of Mrs. Zimmerman dying at the age of 62 years and the father when aged 82 years. They were good, Christian people, members of the Reformed church. Of their eight children two died young, six grew to maturity and two survive. To Mr. and Mrs. Zimmerman three children were born, namely: Mary E., who died in infancy; Sarah C., who is the wife of Louis Martin and has three children, Carl, Aurelia and Mary; and Clara E., who is the wife of Rev. Benjamin Stern, a minister in the Reformed church, in Philadelphia, Pa., and has one son, Adiel, who is a student of architecture. Mr. Zimmerman and family are all members of the Reformed church.

MRS. PHEBE GRAFMILLER, one of the well known and highly esteemed residents of Auburn township, Crawford county, O., who, for 38 years has lived on her present farm of 100 acres, situated in section 5, was born in this township, and is a daughter of Enoch and Sarah (Hutchinson) Baker, the former of whom died in Knox county, O., and the latter in Auburn township, Crawford county.

Mrs. Grafmiller was reared to womanhood in Auburn township and attended the public schools. She was married on Nov. 5, 1878, to August Grafmiller, who was born at Canton, Wayne county, O., a son of Andrew Grafmiller, who was born in Baden, Germany. In Stark county, O., Andrew Grafmiller was married to Salome Weisard, who was also a native of Germany. They settled on a farm in Auburn township, Wayne county, and they had six children: Andrew, August, Christian, Jacob, Adolphins and Caroline. Andrew Grafmiller died at the age of 76 years and his burial was in Auburn township. His wife

was 66 years old at time of death and her burial was at New Washington.

To August Grafmiller and wife the following children were born: Frederick, who carries on the industries of the home farm; Otis, who is a rural mail carrier; Etta Matilda, who is the wife of George Coffee, of Creston, Wayne county. After marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Grafmiller lived for one year on the Baker homestead and then came to the present farm, where Mrs. Grafmiller has lived ever since. Mr. Grafmiller was an industrious and judicious farmer and was very successful in his business, carried on general farming and made many substantial improvements on his land. He died in November, 1907, at the age of 66 years, and his burial was at Plymouth, O. He was a well known and much respected man and was a member of the Church of God. He was interested in supporting the laws and in assisting in making his neighborhood one of moral influence but was never active in politics, although, as a citizen he cast his vote, a Republican in his preferences. Mrs. Grafmiller and family belong also to the Church of God.

CHRISTOPHER ALBRECHT, a representative business man of Galion, O., who established himself in the grocery business at No. 123 Parsons street, Galion, some 15 years since and has continued at the same location, was born Nov. 18, 1856, in Neckarbischofsheim in Baden, Germany, a son of Johann and Margaret (Kessler) Albrecht.

Johann Albrecht spent his entire life in his native village in Baden, a cabinetmaker by trade and a Lutheran in religious faith. He died in February, 1911, when aged 92 years. His father, Henry Albrecht, was with Napoleon's Prussian Army and assisted in the storming of Moscow. He was one of the comparatively few soldiers of that unhappy and disastrous campaign that lived to return. He survived into old age, being in his 90th year at time of death. Johann Albrecht married Margaret Kessler, who was born in Hessen, Germany, and died in Baden, in October, 1901, being then aged 87 years and the mother of 11 children. Eight of this family grew to maturity, all of these married and six are yet living.

Christopher Albrecht was reared in a home of considerable comfort and was given good educational opportunities. When he decided to come to the United States in 1881 he was 25 years of age, reaching Ohio and joining his brother, John Albrecht, who had come ten years previously. This brother carried on a baking business for some years afterward, at Louisville, Ky., where he died and is survived by his widow and seven children. Christopher Albrecht came to Galion in 1883 and for several years was connected with a business house here in a clerical capacity and for two years was with the Erie Railway Company, afterward establishing his present grocery business and has carried it on with very satisfactory results. He has a large trade and necessarily carries a well assorted stock both in staple and fancy goods in his line.

Mr. Albrecht was married at Galion, Crawford county, O., in 1884, to Miss Marie Elizabeth Kehrwecker, who was born at Cardington, May 24, 1864, a daughter of Christian and Sophia (Benz) Kehrwecker. They were born, respectively, in Schuetzingen in Wertenberg and Neckarbischofsheim, Baden, Germany, and both came to the United States when young people and were married in Morrow county, where they spent their subsequent lives and died so near together that their burial was in one grave, on Jan. 7, 1912. They were members of the German Lutheran church. In politics the father was a Democrat. Mr. and Mrs. Albrecht have one son, Henry Ludwig, who was born Feb. 16, 1889. After graduating at the Galion High School, he became a railroad man and now fills the important position of chief timekeeper for the Erie Railroad Company, at Marion, O. He was married, however, at Galion, to Miss Minnie Boehm, who is a daughter of Peter Boehm, one of this city's highly respected citizens and one of the head men in the German Lutheran Peace church. Mr. Albrecht and son are both identified with the Democratic party. The family belongs to the German Lutheran church, where the son Harry is still superintendent of the Sunday school. He has from his boyhood up taken an especial interest in his church affairs, filling the place as organist and choir leader at different times.

A. A. LOUDON, whose valuable farm of 120 acres lies in section 14, Cranberry township, Crawford county, O., was born near Wayneburg, O., and is a son of James and Sarah Loudon, both of whom died in Auburn township, Crawford county.

A. A. Loudon was about 15 years of age when his parents moved to Auburn township and he completed his school attendance there. Since his marriage he has resided on his present farm and here carries on a general agricultural line, working according to modern methods, as Mr. Loudon is a thoroughly informed farmer and a very progressive man.

On Jan. 18, 1885, Mr. Loudon was married to Miss Cora M. Cox, who was born on this farm and was educated in the local schools, and also the High school at New Washington. She is a daughter of Luther and Lucinda Cox, old residents of this section. Mr. and Mrs. Loudon have four children: Ray E., now at Toledo, O.; Vera; Ivan W., and Willard C. Both Mr. and Mrs. Loudon have been prominent in the Grange movement in this section and are charter members of the Cranberry Township Grange, assisting in its organization in the winter of 1895. At that time the membership was about 28 but the interest has spread and at present the lodge is in a prosperous condition, with a membership of fifty. Mr. Loudon is grange lecturer and Mrs. Loudon is an ex-official. Mr. and Mrs. Loudon have given their hospitable residence as a meeting place for the order for the past three years. Nominally Mr. Loudon is a Republican.

PROF. SIMEON R. WACHS, one of the best known and most highly respected citizens of Crawford county, O., who now lives in comfortable retirement on his farm in Jackson township, not far from Crestline, O., for many years was a valued and successful educator and for five years served with the greatest efficiency as superintendent of the Crestline schools. He was born on his present farm, April 26, 1840, a son of Peter and Lydia (Bell) Wachs.

Peter Wachs, the first of the name known in America, was a native of Switzerland and crossed the Atlantic Ocean and settled in Pennsylvania prior to the Revolutionary war,

spending his subsequent life as a farmer in Perry county. Of his family of sons, Philip, the grandfather of Simeon R. Wachs, was a farmer in Perry county, and died there when aged 60 years. His widow subsequently married a Mr. Brumer, all natives of Pennsylvania. Philip Wachs left four sons and four daughters, the eldest child, Peter, being the father of Prof. Wachs of Crawford county.

Peter Wachs (2) was born in Perry county, Pa., Dec. 2, 1807, and grew up on his father's farm. In those days work in the woods, lumbering and logging, was usually a part of a young man's industrial training, in Perry county, and Peter Wachs was somewhat noted for his strength and skill in wielding his axe, thinking nothing of cutting down a tree and making it into stove wood or preparing it for the fireplace, for 25 cents a cord. He also skillfully made use of the flail and through thus threshing out rye, for three cents a bushel, secured enough money to enable him to accompany Rev. Mr. Smith to Ohio, in 1832. Here he subsequently purchased 80 acres of wild land, situated in Jackson township, from the man who had entered the same from the Government, and here he continued to live until his death, July 31, 1884. He was well preserved in mind and body notwithstanding a very laborious life, with the exception of being quite deaf and it was through this misfortune that his death was caused by a railroad train, not far from his home. He was widely known among the pioneers and had helped to build the first log house that was ever erected in the city of Galion. His own land was mainly cleared by himself, with the aid of his trusty axe. In politics he was a Democrat and all his life held connection with the United Brethren church, with which his people were associated in Pennsylvania.

Peter Wachs was married near Galion, O., to Lydia Bell, who was born in 1813, in York county, Pa., a daughter of John and Sarah (Ritchie) Bell. She was one of a large family, and as she was a twin, she was taken by an aunt to be reared, who brought her to Ohio when young, all the other members of the family remaining in Pennsylvania. She died in Jackson township after the celebration of her Golden Wedding anniversary with her husband. A lifelong member of the United

Brethren church, she was noted for her natural gifts as a vocalist and could remember 100 hymns and sing them in church or for the pleasure of family and friends. She was the mother of eight children, six of whom grew to maturity and four of these survive: Philip, a farmer in Michigan, who has lost his wife but has a married daughter and three grandchildren; Daniel C., living retired at Grand Haven, Mich., who for years was a justice of the peace and city recorder, and has a married daughter and two grandsons; Sarah E., who now owns and occupies a part of the old homestead, who has been twice married and twice widowed. She has no children.

Simeon R. Wachs is the third child of his parents' family of those who survived infancy. In his boyhood and youth this was yet a new country, to a large extent, and Jackson township still was included in Richland county. He early showed a quickened intellect and was given educational opportunities, attending the local schools and afterward the Galion High School, and in 1872 was graduated from the National Normal School at Lebanon, O. He began to teach school in Vernon township, Crawford county, and his activities as a teacher covered about 51 years, mainly in Crawford county and, with one exception, he is the oldest teacher in years of service here. In 1876 he went to Missouri and spent one year teaching in Johnson county, later was principal of the schools of Upper Sandusky; for one year, in the seventies was superintendent of the schools of Crestline and continued active in the educational field until 1908. He has served on the board of school examiners and in 1864 was one of the organizers of the Crawford County Teachers' Institute, and its first secretary, and ever since has been more or less a leader in local educational bodies.

In 1868 Mr. Wachs was married (first) in Crawford county, to Miss Ruth A. Reinhardt, who was born Oct. 8, 1843, and died at Crestline, Sept. 6, 1878. Their one child, Tycho C., died at the age of eight months. Mr. Wachs was married (second) at Crestline, to Miss Ida J. Newell, who was born at Elyria, O., March 13, 1857, where she was reared. She was of English and Irish ancestry, a daughter of Edmund and Margaret (Gaffney) Newell. Her father was born in Ohio and her mother

in Ireland and they were married at Lorain, O., and after some years at Elyria they moved to Oberlin, where the father died in 1909, when aged 82 years. The mother still lives there and is now in her 77th year.

To Mr. and Mrs. Wachs the following children were born: Victor H., Ferriden N., El Rito, Ruth, Milo, and Paul. The eldest son prepared for an active and useful life. After graduating from the Crestline High School he spent five years at Oberlin College and three years at the University of Boston, Mass., and in 1905 was ordained a minister in the Methodist Episcopal church and volunteered to go as a missionary to the Orient and is stationed in Korea. He married Sylvia Allen, who was also educated at Oberlin College and they have a daughter, El Rito, and a son, Miller Allen, who was born in Korea, May 13, 1912. The second son, Ferriden N., adopted a trade as his life work and is a skilled machinist residing at Crestline, but he also is a great student of the Scriptures and is deeply interested in his brother's missionary work. He married Byrda Richey and they have three living children: Mildred and Wilbur and Dale, twins. El Rito, the eldest daughter, who is a High School graduate, is the wife of Daniel Pry, a farmer in Vernon township, and they have an infant daughter, Florence. Ruth, Milo and Paul, all reside at home, Ruth and Paul being High School graduates and Milo, still a High School student. Mr. and Mrs. Wachs have always been hearty church workers and supporters of all moral movements in which opportunity has been afforded them to exert influence. He has long been a class leader and other official in the church at Crestline. In his political sentiments he is nominally a Democrat but considers favorably the claims of the Prohibition party.

E. J. BREHMAN,* a well known agriculturist of Liberty township, Crawford county, who lives on his farm of 50 acres located two miles south of Sulphur Springs, was born in Whetstone township, this county, April 28, 1875. His father, Stephen Brehman, owns a farm of 110 acres adjoining that of our subject.

E. J. Brehman was one of eight children born to his parents and was brought up on the

farm. After completing his education in the district schools he went to work on a farm two miles west of where he lives at present. He also worked two years for Mr. Jerry Hopple and then bought his present farm, on which he has successfully carried on general farming and stock raising since. He has built a new house and barn and other buildings.

Mr. Brehman was united in marriage with Miss Hattie Grogg, a native of Liberty township. To them have been born two children, Mary and Belva May, the former of whom is deceased.

Our subject is a Democrat in his political views and with his wife belongs to the Lutheran church of Sulphur Springs.

ALBERT HAWORTH, who has served continuously as postmaster of Crestline, O., since April, 1898, has been a resident of this city since boyhood, but his birth took place in Manchester, England, March 22, 1848, a son of Benjamin and Martha A. Haworth.

When Benjamin Haworth brought his family to the United States in 1848, he settled at Providence, R. I., subsequently moving from there to Cleveland, O. In 1861, when the call was issued for volunteers for army service for three months, Mr. Haworth went to Massachusetts and there enlisted as a private soldier in the First Mass. Vol. Inf., later reenlisting and at the close of the Civil War, a veteran through three enlistments, started for home, in 1865. While crossing the State of Tennessee, he, with others, met death from the muskets of bushwackers, not far from the city of Chattanooga. He had been a brave and cheerful soldier throughout the long struggle and on several occasions had been wounded, and it was a sad ending to the career of one who had so continuously done his duty to his adopted country. On account of the disorder of the times, his assailants, border ruffians as they were, were never brought to justice. The widow of Benjamin Haworth survived until June, 1892, dying at Cleveland, when aged about 75 years, having been a faithful member of the Catholic church all her life, while Mr. Haworth was a member of the Episcopal church. They were parents of eleven children, seven of whom grew to maturity and six of whom survive. One son, Joseph Haworth,

who died unmarried, was a well known actor and for many years was connected with the Boston (Mass.) Museum. The four daughters all live in the city of Cleveland, the eldest, Kate, being unmarried. Martha is the wife of George Schneider; Nora is the wife of John E. O'Conner; and Emma, the wife of M. Kelly.

Albert Haworth came to Crestline when Cleveland capitalists opened the Continental Hotel, and he became its manager in 1886, conducting it until 1891. Prior to becoming manager he had been chief clerk for many years and was interested in other activities, in the meanwhile completing his education in the night schools and for some years being the chief support of the family. Later Mr. Haworth purchased and operated the Central Hotel for some time, closing out his hotel interests one year before he became postmaster. He has always been active in the Republican ranks and for 20 years has been a member of the county organizations. For 41 years he has been identified with the Knights of Pythias here and belongs also to the Elks, at Bucyrus.

Mr. Haworth was married at Youngstown, O., to Miss Magdaline McCutcheon, who was born at Montreal, Canada, being of Scotch ancestry, and they have two children; William Joseph and Effie A. William Joseph Haworth, who is in the marble and mosaic business at Cleveland and a representative business man of that city, is a graduate of the Crestline High School and also of Kenyon College, of the class of 1896. He married and has two children, Martha and Marion. He is a Knight Templar Mason, belonging to the Commandery at Cleveland. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Haworth, is the wife of Carl Martin Babst, a son of Judge Daniel Babst, a prominent jurist of Crawford county. Mr. Babst is a graduate of Oberlin and Kenyon Colleges and is a member of the Crestline bar. Mr. Haworth is paymaster for the railway mail clerks on the Pennsylvania Railroad between Pittsburgh and Chicago. Mr. and Mrs. Haworth are members of the Presbyterian church and he is serving on its board of trustees. He has been a citizen of activity and public spirit, and is a marked example of self made man.

WILLIAM SIEFERT, one of the substantial and well known citizens of Crawford county, O., resides on his valuable farm of 224 acres, situated in section 11, Cranberry township, on the north side of Angling road, one and one-fourth miles northwest of New Washington. On this farm he was born, Oct. 26, 1863, and is a son of Michael and Christine (Hoffses) Siefert.

Michael Siefert was born in Stark county, O., Oct. 8, 1830, and died at New Washington, O., June 17, 1904. He was a son of John and Salome (Lantz) Siefert, both of whom were natives of Germany. They were married in Stark county, O., and had four sons and two daughters: Michael, George, John, Jacob, Anna and Catherine. From Stark county they came to Crawford county, when Michael Siefert was four years old, and here John Siefert secured land from the Government, located in Cranberry township, which was then the home of many Indians. At that time New Washington was little but a hamlet. When Michael Siefert entered into business it was first as a farmer in Cranberry township, where he lived until 1882, moving then into New Washington, where he had an elevator and conducted a large grain business and also baled hay. He was an excellent business man and an honorable and upright citizen. In his political preference he was a Republican.

In January, 1856, Michael Siefert was married to Christine Hoffses, who was born in Germany, Aug. 12, 1834, attended school there and was 19 years of age when she accompanied her mother to America. Her parents were George Jacob and Catherine Hoffses. The father died in Germany and it was in 1853 that the mother and daughter crossed the Atlantic Ocean and began life in a new country. The mother had also a son, Matthew, who is deceased. From Shelby, O., Mrs. Hoffses and daughter walked to New Washington and within two days the latter secured a situation at Plymouth, O., in which she remained until her marriage with Mr. Siefert, when she was reluctantly parted with by those who had become her attached friends as well as her employers. The mother survived to be 81 years old, dying at New Washington and her burial was in the Lutheran Cemetery, she having been a devout member of the Lutheran church for years.

To Michael Siefert and wife the following children were born: Jacob, a resident of Galion, O., who married Mary Rhoades and has three children—Dora, Malinda and Josephine; John, who died when aged four and one-half years; Michael, who died when aged three years; Caroline, who is the wife of John Knodle, of New Washington, and has eight children—Emma, Ella, William, Ralph, Nora, George, Paul and Frederick; George, who resides at New Washington, and married Sarah Sutter and has had four children—Orlando, Sylvester, Alva, deceased, and Christian; William, the subject of this sketch; Anna, who is the wife of Frederick Michaelfelder, of New Washington, and has three children—Carl, Lydia and Walter; John (2), who married Ada Sheets, and has four children—Christine, Ernest, Carl and Esther; Michael, who died when one year old; Adam, who died when aged two years; Clara, who is the wife of George Sheets, of New Washington, and has four children—Mary, Margaret, Jacob and Martin; Emma, who is the wife of A. F. Donnenwirth, of Tiro, O., and has four children—Oliver, Helen, Walter and Ruth; and Frederick, who married Wilhelmine Mohrhoff and resides at New Washington, and has three children—David, Mildred and Paul.

William Siefert attended school in Cranberry township and later at New Washington, in the meanwhile performing the usual duties that fall to youths on the farm and in this way securing the training that prepares them for the very serious business of later years when they assume the management of large estates of their own. For nine years Mr. Siefert worked as a farm hand and then settled for himself on the homestead, of which he is the owner, in the third generation. His grandfather secured the original 80 acres from the Government, in 1826, and this 80 is included in Mr. Siefert's present farm of 224 acres. He has done a great deal of improving here and built the first brick house in the northwestern part of this township, a modern residence with city comforts and conveniences, including a hot and cold water system and electric lighting. Mr. Siefert carries on general farming and makes something of a specialty of producing hay.

Mr. Siefert was married to Mrs. Elizabeth

(Schafer) Mohrhoff, who was born in Chatfield township, Crawford county, a daughter of Jacob and Catherine Schafer and widow of William Mohrhoff. The latter was survived by two children: David, who married Louetta Sutter; and Wilhelmine, who is the wife of Frederick Siefert. Mr. and Mrs. Siefert have two sons: Freeman and Arnold, both of whom reside at home. Mr. Siefert and family are members of the Lutheran church. He casts his political vote with the Democratic party.

THOMAS BENTON BURGERT, who has been a continuous resident of Galion, O., since about 1856, and for many years a prosperous business man here, now lives in comfortable retirement but has not lost interest in all that contributes to the progress and development of this city. He was born in 1838, at Paris, in Stark county, O. and comes from German stock and old and responsible settlers of Pennsylvania.

John Burgert, grandfather of Thomas B., was born in Pennsylvania and in early manhood married there and early in the twenties came as a pioneer to Stark county, O., where he and wife both died in their seventies. He was a weaver by trade, an excellent one in those days, but by the time his sons had reached manhood other occupations paid them better and David, his eldest son, who subsequently became the father of Thomas Benton, became a wood worker and established the Burger Fanning mills. He was yet youthful when the family came to Stark county, where he lived until 1860, when he moved to Crestline, and worked for the Pennsylvania railway company, and there his life was lost through an accident when he was aged 55 years. He was an active and enterprising man, highly respected by his business associates and useful as a citizen. He was married in Jefferson county, O., to Margaret Shultz, who died at Tiro, O., in her 76th year. They were members of the Christian church. Eight sons and one daughter were born to them, all of whom reached maturity and married, and four sons and the daughter still survive, Thomas Benton being the eldest born.

Thomas Benton Burgert had the usual school advantages that were afforded children in his boyhood, and then was apprenticed to a

tinner at Canton, O., where he learned the trade. In 1856 he came to Galion and worked at his trade until 1860, when he went to Crestline with his father's family, but five years later returned to Galion and then established himself in business here, as tinner and hardware dealer, subsequently admitting L. W. Banister as a partner. They continued this business association for 17 years, but in 1906 sold out to the Diamond Hardware Company, both partners then retiring. Mr. Banister removed to Springfield, O., where his death occurred in 1909. For many years the firm had led the trade in their line and both partners enjoyed the confidence of all dealers and their fellow citizens as honorable business men.

Mr. Burgert was married at Galion to Miss Mary A. Riblet, who was born in 1840, in Richland county, O., and three children were born to them, namely: Harley J., Lulu and Olie. Harley J. Burgert is in the hardware business at Cleveland, O. He married Maude Flagel and they have two children, Mary L. and Ruth. Lulu is the wife of Henry Hause, a conductor on the Erie Railway. Olie, who died in 1907, was the wife of Charles Hall, and is survived by two children, Howard B. and Mildred.

In politics Mr. Burgert, like his deceased father, is a Republican and served one term as a member of the city council. He was interested in many of the earlier enterprises of the city of a public nature and belonged to the Galion Fire Department when the company was organized as the Phoenix Fire Company and continued with it under its later title of the Niagara Fire Company, and is still in the service as fireman. His period of service covers 57 years, he first joining in Canton, the father of President McKinley's wife being the secretary of that company and then later while in Crestline he organized the fire department there. For many years he has employed his spare moments in working out inventions of different kinds and a railway lantern that he invented and patented in 1862, is still in use on many railroad lines, no later invention having displaced it, its utility being so evident. On Feb. 22, 1910, Mr. Burgert was granted a patent for water cut off for cisterns with a special feature to filter the water before it goes into the cistern.

JAMES M. SPILLETTE, one of the substantial citizens and successful farmers of Auburn township, Crawford county, O., where he owns 60 acres of well improved land, is a native of the Dominion of Canada, born Jan. 31, 1849, a son of Samuel and Lydia (Laddich) Spillette.

Samuel Spillette was born and reared in England and left his native land for Canada in early manhood, and later learned the manufacture of brick. He was married in Canada to Lydia Laddich, also a native of England, and they had eight children, all but the youngest being born in Canada: Charlotte, Richard, Martha, Samuel, Stanley, James, Amy and Laura. From Canada the family moved to Buffalo, N. Y. and from there to Cleveland and afterward to Bucyrus, O., Mr. Spillette working at his trade and in other lines, for 35 years his main business being brick making. For two years he made brick and also followed ditching at Sulphur Springs. In 1861 he came to the present family farm in Auburn township and improved the place to a considerable extent and at the time of death, in his 75th year, owned about 200 acres. He was a man of sterling character, honest and upright and was a member of the Church of God. His wife died at the age of 54 years and both were buried in the Goodwill Cemetery.

James M. Spillette obtained his education in the district schools and afterward assisted his father and later, when farming became the family occupation, took the most of the responsibility on himself, as, by that time, his father was past middle life. Mr. Spillette has remained here and has always given his main attention to agricultural pursuits.

On Dec. 25, 1874, Mr. Spillette was married to Miss Lucinda Glosser, who was born in Wyandot county, O., Sept. 10, 1855, a daughter of John and Barbara (Graffmiller) Glosser. The parents of Mrs. Spillette were born in Germany and were married in Wayne county, O., afterward moving to Wyandot county, where they died, the father at the age of 77 years and the mother when aged 54 years. Their burial was in Salem Cemetery, near Sandusky, in Wyandot county, O. They were good, Christian people, members of the German Reformed church. They had the following children: Elizabeth, Barbara, Rosanna,

Henry, Catherine, Caroline and Lucinda. To Mr. and Mrs. Spillette the following children were born: Frank H. who is married and has a son; Olive May, who is the wife of Jacob Godfried and has two children—Norman and Theora; and Pearl and Ina Merl, twins. The former married Ethel Carson and they have two children—Elaine and Vivian L. The latter is the wife of Daniel Bordner of Auburn township, and they have three children—Graddon S., Thoburn E. and Evelyn A. Mr. Spillette and family are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. Politically he is affiliated with the Republican party.

PHILIP TRAUTMAN,* who occupies the important office of chief of police, at Bucyrus, O., has been identified with the public guardianship of this city, for the past 14 years, gaining merited promotion at different times and during the administration of Mayor Valentine, in 1903, was appointed to his present position. Chief Trautman was born 50 years ago, in Bavaria, Germany, a son of George and a grandson of George Trautman.

The grandfather of Chief Trautman was a small German farmer and he married in Bavaria and both he and wife died there. Three of their children lived to maturity, two daughters who spent their lives in Germany, and George, the only son. They were of the Roman Catholic faith.

George Trautman, Jr., was born in 1835, attended the village schools and then learned the milling trade. He there married Catherine Becker and after the birth of two sons, George and Philip, decided to emigrate to America where he believed existed better business opportunities for a man of family. Hence he reached the United States, in 1862, and almost immediately secured a position as an army cook in a New York regiment serving in the Civil War, and he continued with this military body for two years, when he came to Bucyrus. Here he engaged first in the milling business and then, with rare foresight, opened up an ice business, being the pioneer in what is now one of the important industries of the city. He continued to handle ice as long as he was engaged in business, his death occurring in 1877, having survived his wife for two years. When he found his business prospects

promising, he sent for his wife and sons to join him at Bucyrus and they crossed the Atlantic Ocean in the steamer *Harmony*. Three more children were born to George Trautman and wife, in America, making five in all, Philip being the eldest of the family. The second son, George, is yard master at Bucyrus for the T. & O. C. Railroad, and has two sons, George and Fred. John, who was born in America, died in 1896, at Denver, Colo., his widow being a resident of Chicago, Ill. Anna, the only daughter, is the wife of Fred K. Petersilge, and they have two children: Augusta and Ralph. Frank, the youngest of the family, is a plaster contractor doing business at Bucyrus.

Philip Trautman was about four years old when his mother brought him to America and was 16 years of age when this good mother died. Four years later he lost his father. He attended school during the life of his mother, who was concerned in the education of her children, and afterward learned the plastering trade, which he followed continuously for four years. He was engaged in contract plastering during the building of the beautiful White City of Chicago, for the World's Fair. After his business was concluded there he returned to Bucyrus accompanied by William Lutz, his partner of Chicago, and together they continued in business at Bucyrus. When the partnership was dissolved, Mr. Lutz returned to Chicago, and in 1897, Mr. Trautman was appointed a patrolman of the police force at Bucyrus. He served on his beat until 1902, when he was elected city marshal by a majority of 500 votes, and in the following year, on account of a change in the law, the mayor appointed him to a second term as marshal and in 1904 made him chief and head of the force. Since taking full charge Chief Trautman has introduced many changes, all for the good of the public, and all progressive in character. He not only gives extreme satisfaction to the citizens of Bucyrus, but impresses strangers with his efficiency, the following being a quotation from a leading newspaper in another part of the state: "Perhaps no man in the State of Ohio, who holds the position of chief of police of a city, is more highly respected and more universally esteemed than Philip Trautman of Bucyrus." It is gratifying for

a public official to read such words of sincere praise, for often an elevated position is a thankless one, while, at the same time, it is heavy with responsibility.

Chief Trautman was married at Bucyrus, in 1882, to Miss Lucy Metzger, who was born in Bucyrus township, Crawford county, a daughter of Charles Metzger, formerly a well known farmer in Bucyrus township. He and wife had come to this section from Baden, Germany, and the mother of Mrs. Trautman died when her daughter was but two years old. Mr. and Mrs. Trautman have two daughters: Blanche and Mazie. The former graduated from the Bucyrus High School in the class of 1902 and afterward attended the Ohio Normal University at Ada, O. She is an accomplished and capable young woman and for the past four years has been a stenographer in the Fort Wayne, Ind., Electric Works. Mazie, the second daughter, is a graduate of the class of 1904, Bucyrus High School, and is a stenographer in the employ of the American Clay Machinery Company, Bucyrus. The one son, a youth of ten years, Robert Trautman, is a bright student in the city schools. The family attends the German Lutheran church.

Politically Chief Trautman is a staunch Democrat and is a member of the Crawford County Democratic Committee. From 1882 until 1900, he was identified with the Ohio National Guards and was a sergeant in the 8th Infantry from the time of its organization in 1884. His fraternal connections are with the Eagles and the Knights of Pythias.

PETER BAUER, who, for seven years served with honesty and efficiency as a county commissioner of Crawford county, O., is one of the well known and highly respected citizens of this section of Ohio and a substantial retired farmer of Jackson township. He was born in Vernon township, Crawford county, Feb. 23, 1837, and is a son of John Philip and A. Catherine (Fike) Bauer.

John Philip Bauer, the father, was a soldier under Napoleon, suffered capture and as he was put in the ranks to fight against his own people and country, took advantage of the first opportunity to desert and made good his escape. John Philip Bauer, father of Peter Bauer, was born in Hesse-Darmstadt, Ger-

many, and in his native section learned the cabinetmaker's trade. He married in his neighborhood and he and wife remained there until after the birth of all but their youngest child. In order to secure better opportunities for these children, Mr. and Mrs. Bauer decided to undertake the long journey to the United States, which, at that time, when only sailing vessels ventured on the ocean, was a formidable enterprise and very different from the comparatively easy conditions under which people of other lands now reach America. After 72 days of buffeting on the water, the Bauer family was safely landed at Baltimore, Md. Their objective point was Crawford county and many miles had to be covered before it was reached. The small capital that the family possessed was pretty well exhausted by the time the city of Pittsburg was attained and from there, to Leesville, O., the distance was covered on foot. They paused long enough here for the mother to recuperate from the birth of their youngest son, Peter, and then moved to the 40-acre wild land which Mr. Bauer secured in Vernon township. By this time they were so accustomed to hardships and deprivations that they patiently awaited the building of their first log cabin shelter, the gradual clearing of their land and its subsequent cultivation. A comfortable hewn-log house supplanted the first one, more land was acquired and through German industry and thrift, they prospered and saw many years of ease in their old age. This land is still owned by the family and the old hewn-log house yet stands. Of their children the youngest is the only survivor.

Peter Bauer grew up on his father's farm in Vernon township and had district school opportunities. For many years he successfully carried on farming and stock raising and, although retired for some years, still owns many acres of valuable and productive land, mainly situated near Crestline. He has been a very active and useful citizen, a lifelong Democrat, and frequently has been called to public office. In 1873 he was elected a county commissioner and served continuously until 1880. When he retired from this office, a mark of confidence and appreciation was shown him by the presentation of a fine gold-headed cane, which he values very highly.

Mr. Bauer was married to Miss Elizabeth Cook, who was born in Richland county, O., Aug. 4, 1842, and died Aug. 14, 1900. Mrs. Bauer attended a picnic and afterward was attacked by what was probably ptomaine poisoning, which caused her death. She was beloved by family and friends and was a faithful member of the German Reformed church.

Six children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Bauer, namely: Margaret, who is the widow of Jacob Eichorn, and has one son, George Fred, a resident of Crestline; Elizabeth, who is the wife of Frank S. Shepard, a conductor on the Pennsylvania Railroad, and has six children; Mary, who is the wife of William T. Muntis, a farmer in Jefferson township, and has two sons and one daughter; Carolina, who is the wife of Joseph E. Winters, a rural mail carrier, and has three daughters; Catherine, who is the widow of George B. Scott, a resident of Crestline and has one child; and Emma L., who is the wife of Joseph E. Mitchell, a railroad man, and has four children. Mr. Bauer is a leading member of the German Reformed church and has been a liberal contributor to all its different benevolent and charitable movements. He is recognized as one of the sterling men of Jackson township.

MRS. THOMAS NEDOLAST, who is a well known and highly esteemed resident of Cranberry township, Crawford county, O., residing on her farm of 152 acres, located in section 13, owns 470 acres of land. She was born in Germany, in June, 1856, and is a daughter of Andrew and Lena (Schiefer) Wenzelick, and the widow of Thomas Nedolast.

Andrew Wenzelick, father of Mrs. Nedolast, was born in Germany, Feb. 28, 1808, and died on his farm two miles north of New Washington, O., Nov. 30, 1867, and his burial was in the Catholic Cemetery at New Washington. He married Lena Schiefer, and after the birth of their children they came to the United States and spent the rest of their lives in Crawford county, O. They were well known people, kind and hospitable, and were liberal supporters and faithful members of the Catholic church. To them were born the following children: Margaret, who became the wife of George Hepp; Barbara, who married

Peter Ruebuck; Mary, who is the wife of Martin Durnwald; Barto, who married Martin Durwent; Anna, who married Thomas Nedolast; Lizzie; and Lena, who is the wife of Philip Studer.

In January, 1872, Anna Wenzelick was married to Thomas Nedolast, who was born in Germany, a son of John and Mary (Yockaland) Nedolast, the former of whom was born in 1812. He settled east of New Washington, in Crawford county, O. He and family were members of the Catholic church. To Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Nedolast the following children were born: John, who resides on the home farm; George, who lives in Cranberry township, who married Kate Schister, and has four children—Helen, Martha, Gerhart and Anna; Nicholas, who married Elizabeth Yackland, and has three children—Lucy, Dora and Albert; Martin, who lives on the home farm; Peter, who married Dora Studer, and has two children—Gilbert and Frederick; Lena, who is the wife of Joseph Raymond, and has two children—Isabel and William; and Leo and Joseph, who remain with their mother on her farm. After marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Nedolast lived for a time four miles southeast of New Washington and then came to this place, on which his death occurred. He was a well known and highly respected man, a good farmer, kind neighbor and loving husband and father and gave faithful service to the Catholic church to which he and all his family belonged.

CHRISTIAN P. SHAFTSTALL,* a well known agriculturist of Bucyrus township, is the owner of 82 acres of land. He was born Nov. 23, 1845, being a son of Peter and Elizabeth (Frantz) Shaftstall, both of whom were natives of Pennsylvania, where they were married but came to Crawford county, being among the early settlers. Both are now deceased and are buried in Mt. Zion cemetery.

Peter Shaftstall was a farmer all his life and a Republican in his political views. To him and his wife were born a number of children, namely: Susan; Elizabeth, who was married first to James Banks and second to J. S. Cook; Christian P.; Frederick; Rebecca, the wife of John Marvel; Catherine; Mary Ellen, the wife of T. J. Williams; and Sarah, the wife of Frank Sweitzer.

Christian P. Shaftstall grew up on the home farm and was given a common school education. He then learned the carpenter's trade and was engaged in this occupation for nine years when he turned his attention to farming, in which he has since been interested. He bought 28 acres of land in 1874 and 27½ acres in 1880 and in 1883 he added to this so that he now owns 82 acres and on this land he successfully carries on general farming. He has remodeled his house and built a new barn after the first burned down.

Christian P. Shaftstall was married first in 1873 to Miss Irene Morehead who died in 1874. To them was born one child who died in infancy. Irene Morehead was a daughter of George Morehead. Mr. Shaftstall was married secondly in 1885 to Miss Esther Shemer, whose parents, John and Mary Shemer, were farmers in this county, and had the following children, besides Mrs. Shaftstall; Levi, Garrison, George, Corvin, Priscilla, Delilah, Anna and Amanda. To our subject and his wife were born: Clarence Otto, who married Blanche Wilson and has a son, Russell; and Lester Earl, who is at home.

Mr. Shaftstall is a Republican in politics and he and his family attend the U. B. church.

JOHN A. QUIG, who is one of the prominent men of Auburn township, Crawford county, O., a member of its school board for ten years and during seven of these president of this body, resides on his excellent farm of 80 acres, which lies in section 30, Auburn township. He was born three miles northeast of New Washington, O., Nov. 12, 1849, and is a son of John and Hannah (Dickson) Quig.

John Quig was born in Ireland and was a young man when he accompanied his mother to the United States, locating in New Jersey. Later he came to Crawford county, O., and went to work for John Dickson, a substantial farmer in Vernon township, whose daughter, Hannah Dickson, he subsequently married. They became parents of seven children, two of whom died in infancy, John A. being the third in order of birth. After marriage John Quig and wife lived in Cranberry township for ten years, during which time John A. was born, and then moved to Sandusky township, where he died when his above named son was nine years old, his age being 52 years. His

widow survived to the age of 66 years. They were members of the Presbyterian church and were people who were highly respected in their neighborhood and long were remembered for their many good qualities.

John A. Quig attended the district school in Sandusky township and ever since then has been engaged in farming. After he married he lived for six years in Vernon township and then moved to his present place which he bought from Thomas Bear. It was partly improved and he remodeled the buildings and added others as his farm industries demanded and now has all his land under cultivation except twelve acres which are in valuable timber.

Mr. Quig married Miss Maggie Smith, who was born in Ashland county, a daughter of Jacob Smith, and they have the following children: F. J., L. M., C. G., A. E., O. L., and C. L. Mr. Quig and family belong to the Methodist Episcopal church. He has been practically a lifelong Democrat and has been one of the most interested citizens of his township in educational matters.

DAVID F. ABGER, M. D., deceased, who was once a well known physician in several sections of Ohio, and whose descendants are representative people of Crawford county, was born in New Jersey, in 1829. The early records of his family have not been preserved but they were substantial people and he enjoyed educational advantages and was graduated from a medical college, following which he entered into practice at Wapakoneta, in Auglaize county, O. At the commencement of the Civil War, Dr. Abger entered the Federal Army as a surgeon, enlisting at McComb, in Hancock county O., and served out a first enlistment of three months. During this period he so fully realized the pressing necessity of skilled medical men in the army that at Galion, O., he reenlisted and after serving as a surgeon again for six months, was sent to a Western post and after that was lost to his family, the disturbed condition of the whole country at that time easily explaining this disappearance, which was harrowing in the extreme to wife and children.

In Crawford county, O., Dr. Abger was married to Miss Mary Shawber, who was born in this county, Sept. 11, 1831, a daughter of

John and Rebecca (Rhinehart) Shawber. The father of Mrs. Abger was born in Pennsylvania, where he grew up on a farm and then came to Columbiana county, O. Here he married Rebecca Rhinehart, who, like himself, was of German ancestry. After they had two children born to them they left Columbiana county and in the early twenties moved into Crawford county, settling in a great belt of unbroken timber, which is now a part of Jackson township. Their first house was built of logs with a mud and stick chimney, all hastily put together as it was necessary to get ground cleared on which to plant corn. The rich soil easily responded and, although the hills of corn were located here and there between stumps of trees, a fair crop was harvested and thus life began for them in the wilderness. Wild game abounded and for this reason many Indians came into their neighborhood. Mansfield, 14 miles distant, was the nearest purchasing point. The first log cabin was succeeded by a comfortable brick house, built in 1835, which still stands and is at present occupied by a grandson, Grant Shawber. After many years John Shawber and wife left the farm and retired to Wapakoneta, where his death occurred at the age of 68 years, while his widow survived to be 83 years of age. They were faithful members of the Lutheran church and he was one of the organizers of the First Lutheran Church at Galion. Of their 12 children, all reached maturity and married and one daughter became the mother of 12 children like her own mother. Of this family there are but two survivors: Mrs. Abger and Mrs. Margaret Shick, wife of John Shick, substantial people of Bellefontaine, O.

Four children were born to Dr. and Mrs. Abger, namely: John V., who died at the age of 20 years; Eugene, who died in California; survived by a widow and two children; Edwin, who died in Indiana; and M. Olivia, who is the wife of Rev. George Bitterfield, who is a missionary minister of the Presbyterian church, with home at Los Angeles, Calif. They have one daughter, Dorothy C., a graduate of the Occidental College, a music teacher and church organist. Mrs. Abger has traveled considerably and has lived in Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, California and Ohio. Additionally she is well informed in young womanhood

having prepared herself for a teacher's career and for some years prior to her marriage with Dr. Abger taught school with marked success. When young she was baptized and confirmed in the Evangelical Lutheran church and has ever since retained her membership.

ANDREW FRAZEE, one of the leading citizens of Auburn township, Crawford county, O., who is chairman of the township board of trustees, on which body he is serving in his third year, resides in section 16, where he owns a well cultivated farm of 52¼ acres. He was born in Cranberry township, Crawford county, Sept. 28, 1867, and is a son of George and Caroline (Goodyear) Frazee.

George Frazee was reared in the southwest corner of Auburn township and after marriage resided on several different farms and owned the one adjoining Andrew Frazee's farm on the west. After the death of his wife, who was a daughter of Andrew Goodyear, George Frazee moved to Galion, where he now lives retired. Of their seven children five survive.

Andrew Frazee attended school in Auburn township and his first wage-earning work was cutting stone, which he continued for two years, since when has mainly been engaged in agricultural pursuits. He has his farm well drained and tiled and all is under cultivation with the exception of eight acres in valuable timber. He is progressive in his ideas and follows modern methods in cultivating his land and selecting his stock.

Mr. Frazee was married June 16, 1898, to Miss Temperance Wilt, who was born July 6, 1873, at Oceola, O., a daughter of James and Melvina (Canable) Wilt and a granddaughter of John Wilt, all of Fulton county, Pa. During the Civil War, James Wilt served one year as a member of the 168th O. Vol. Inf., and until the close of his life was a member of Harker Post, G. A. R., at Defiance, O. While living at New Washington, O., Mr. and Mrs. Wilt had two children born to them and later, after moving to Oceola, four more children were born. The family lived at Oceola when Mrs. Wilt died, at the age of 42 years. For some eight years Mr. Wilt lived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frazee. He was a blacksmith by trade and worked at different places, his death occurring in January, 1909, at Day-

ton, O., and his burial was in the Greenlawn Cemetery. Mr. and Mrs. Frazee have one son, George Rowland, who is attending the public schools, a bright and satisfactory pupil. The family belongs to the United Brethren church at Tiro, O. He is somewhat prominent in local political circles and is a valued office holder as above indicated. Both he and wife are interested in the order of Patrons of Husbandry and for two years Mrs. Frazee has been master of the Auburn Township Grange, of which Mr. Frazee is the present treasurer.

HENRY LEPP, a retired farmer and for many years a successful agriculturist in Marion and Crawford counties, O., has been a resident of Galion for about 13 years but retains possession of a large body of valuable farm land in the latter county. He was born June 14, 1830, in Baden, Germany, where his father died in middle age. The mother, late in life, came to America and died at Galion, O., when aged 72 years.

Henry Lepp grew to manhood in his own German province and became a small farmer and then was married to Elizabeth Ikon, who was born on a neighboring farm, in April, 1830. In 1853 they set out for America, crossing the Atlantic Ocean in one of the old-time sailing ships, and after 42 days on the water, were safely landed on American soil, in October of the above year. Their objective point was Crawford county, O., and when they reached here Mr. Lepp and wife both found work, his wages being six dollars a month and hers one dollar a week. Both were industrious and frugal and little by little their combined capital grew sufficiently until they were able to rent a farm. On that farm they again combined their efforts and after nine years of saving and hard work had \$1,200. and with that money Mr. Lepp bought 157 acres of land in Marion county. He kept that farm for 18 years and then traded it for 270 acres situated in Crawford county, five miles from Galion and later increased the acreage to 700 acres. This land was all placed under the finest possible cultivation before Mr. Lepp consented to retire, which he did in 1899. In addition to his acquisition of land Mr. Lepp has been so excellent a manager of finance that he has saved an additional \$10,000. He gives

credit to his faithful wife, who was a help-mate indeed, for a part of his success. She lived long enough to share in the ease that came to herself and husband as a result of their industry and saving, her death occurring Sept. 22, 1910. Five sons and two daughters were born to Mr. and Mrs. Lepp, namely: John, of Morrow county, O., who married there and has one son and two daughters; Henry H., who owns an excellent farm in Morrow county, who is married and has one son and three daughters; William, also is an independent farmer in Morrow county, who is married and has two sons; George, who also owns much land in Morrow county, who is married and has one son and six daughters; Charles, who is also a successful farmer; Margaret, the wife of Leopold Long, a farmer in Crawford county, who has two sons and one daughter; and Elizabeth, who is the wife of Wesley Messmore, a substantial farmer in Morrow county, and has three sons. The five sons and one daughter own 1,175 acres in Morrow county. In politics Mr. Lepp and sons are Democrats. He is a member of the Reformed church.

JOHN J. HEINLEN,* a retired farmer and highly respected citizen of Holmes township, Crawford county, O., residing on his farm of 80 acres, situated three miles north of Bucyrus, O., was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, in 1845.

In his own land Mr. Heinlen attended school and lived until he was 24 years of age and then he came to the United States and on coming to Ohio, located in Bucyrus township, Crawford county. There he engaged in general farming until 1902, when he moved to his present place in Holmes township. He married Miss Catherine Rilling, who was also born in Germany and died in Ohio, in 1911, when aged 58 years. They had the following children born to them: Frederick, Jacob, Emanuel, Mrs. Mary Spade, Mrs. Catherine Burwell, Martha and John, the last named marrying Marie Rapp, of Cincinnati. Since his father's retirement, Jacob Heinlen has been operating the farm and also follows the carpenter trade. His birth took place in Bucyrus township in 1886. In politics the Heinlens are Democrats and as a family they belong to the German Lutheran church at Bucyrus.

AMOS BAER, who was a conductor in the service of the Pennsylvania Railroad for almost 40 years, retiring on account of age limit on July 1, 1909, and is also an honored veteran of the Civil War, has been a resident of Crestline, O., since 1870, in which city he is quartermaster of Snyder Post No. 129, Crestline, Department of Ohio. He was born near Mapleton, Stark county, O., March 31, 1844, a son of David and Mary (Doll) Baer, both of whom died on their farm in Stark county.

Amos Baer was a little over 17 years of age when he enlisted for service in the Civil War, Sept. 6, 1861, entering Co. I, 19th O. Vol. Inf., as a private, and when he was honorably discharged and mustered out at San Antonio, Tex., on Oct. 24, 1865, he held the rank of second sergeant in his company. He took part in the great battles of Shiloh and Corinth, Murfreesboro and Chickamauga, went through the Atlanta campaign, fought at Franklin, Nashville and Missionary Ridge and all other points where his company was engaged, ever being at the post of duty, but was fortunate enough to escape both wounds and imprisonment. In 1866 he came to Crestline, where he entered the Pennsylvania Railway service and from December 31st of that year until Sept. 13, 1869, served as local freight brakeman, when he was made freight conductor. During his long term of service, which was 42 years and 6 months, he had almost a clear record, several minor and unavoidable accidents only occurring, none of these in any way reflecting on his carefulness or lack of railroad knowledge. His retirement, with the usual pension accorded faithful employes, came according to the established railroad law, and it was with regret that he severed connections with employers, with whom mutual esteem existed, and with the comrades of many years.

On Oct. 2, 1870, at Crestline, Mr. Baer was married to Miss Margaret C. Lienstarger, who was born in Richland county, O., but was reared and educated at Crestline. Mr. and Mrs. Baer have the following children: Olive A., who was educated here in the common and High schools and resides at home; E. Pearl, who conducts a millinery business at Urbana, O.; Edgar G., who is a freight conductor on the Pennsylvania line and lives at home; and Curtis C., who married Laura Cummings and has a daughter, Margaret L., who was born

July 26, 1911. Mr. and Mrs. Baer have also reared Myrtle Brownsburger, who is now 14 years of age. The family belongs to the Lutheran church. Mr. Baer and son are members of the Railway Association of Conductors and of the Volunteer Relief Society. All are people of high standing at Crestline and are widely known.

D. C. BOYD, secretary and general manager of the Galion Iron Works Company, of Galion, O., a prosperous manufacturing concern, was born and reared in Mercer county, Pa. He obtained his education in his native county and at the age of 18 years began to teach school. His first business experience was gained as salesman in a local store, and subsequently he was for seven years a dealer in hardware and machinery. He then went to Orville, Wayne county, O., where he established a large trade in road machinery and supplies and developed a very good business. While here he also invented an improved culvert or sluice-pipe device possessing unusual strength and efficiency, with a minimum of parts—a simple and valuable contrivance. He has also invented and patented other useful inventions. He organized the Galion Iron Works Company with which he is now connected, it being incorporated in February, 1907, with a capital of \$100,000, which was increased in 1912 to \$150,000. The company started with a small plant, having a building 200x60 feet, which was increased the second year by the addition of 50 feet more. The third year another addition, of 100 feet in length was added and again, in 1911, an extension of 108 feet was constructed, these buildings all being two stories high, with fire-proof out-shops for oils, paints, etc. Another larger building is used for a pattern storage house. The works are supplied with a powerful electric plant to operate the massive machinery used in the manufacture of their heavy road machines, their large corrugated drainage sluice-pipes and Mr. Boyd's own patent culvert, or sluice-way pipe of all sizes. All these products find a ready market. Their road machines are sold all over America. Every practical device is used in the shops to promote the convenience and safety of the employees. The company now employs 200 people, with ten salaried men

on the road. They have branch offices at Pittsburg, Pa., Memphis, Tenn., and Atlanta, Ga. The officers of the company are H. Gottinger, president; Frank W. Faber, vice president; D. C. Boyd, secretary and manager; and G. L. Steffel, treasurer.

Mr. Boyd married Miss Lizzie May Findley, a native of Mercer county, Pa., and they are the parents of six children, namely: Hazel, John Scott, Findley, Ruth, Ralph and Theodore. Hazel, who was well educated in Orrville, O., is the wife of George E. Stenson and resides in Cleveland, O. She has no children. John Scott, who was graduated from the Wonomona Technical Institute at Indianapolis, Ind., took a business course at Mansfield, O., and is now shop superintendent of the Galion Iron Works Company; he married Gladys Oice. Findley is attending the Galion high school. Ruth, Ralph and Theodore are attending school in Galion. Mr. Boyd is a capable business man and an active, enterprising citizen. He has great mechanical ability, as his various patents prove. He and his family are well known and highly respected residents of Galion.

JOHN P. SHECKLER, one of the well known retired residents of Crawford county, O., resides on the farm on which his birth took place, in section 22, Auburn township, on March 3, 1829, this property lying three and one-half miles northeast of Tiro and consisting of 222 acres. His parents were John and Rachel (Pettit) Sheckler.

John Sheckler was born in Huntington county, Pa., and remained with his father until he was 21 years of age, when he, in company with his brother, David Sheckler, left home and started for Ohio on foot, passing through Mansfield, then a village, in 1812. They worked at carpentering or farming or anything that came their way, and finding the people friendly and plenty of fine land to be secured, decided to return to Pennsylvania and make arrangements to return and become home builders in Ohio. They returned on foot to Pennsylvania but in 1819 came back, again on foot, and David secured his land south of Mansfield, while John entered 160 acres, a part of the farm now owned by his son. It was then covered with forest and he secured it for \$1.25 per acre. His first log

cabin was built southeast of the present house site on account of a large spring being situated there, to which the deer came to slake their thirst in those early days. He married Rachel Pettit, who was born in Virginia, a daughter of Thomas Pettit, later a resident of Richland county. She was the mother of eight children, four of whom survive: Thomas, John P., George and Christina. Here John Sheckler lived from 1821 until his death in 1859, being then aged 69 years and his burial was in the Hanna Cemetery in Auburn township, where his wife rested, she having died at the age of 35 years. They were members of the Baptist church. In his earlier years Mr. Sheckler was a Democrat but later approved of the principles on which the Republican party was founded.

John P. Sheckler and his brothers and sisters had such educational opportunities as the Center school, in Auburn township, offered at that time. He remained with his father and has followed an agricultural life and spent it all in this section with the exception of a few months passed in Indiana. About 50 acres of his land is yet timbered, all being exceedingly valuable.

Mr. Sheckler married Miss Leonora Ashley, who was born in Auburn township, a daughter of Ebenezer and Mary (Aumend) Ashley. The Ashley family came to America from England in 1630, the first of the name being Robert Ashley, who had the following sons: Elkanah, John, Jonas, Thomas, Solomon, and a daughter, Sylvia.

Jonas Ashley married Elizabeth Eaton and they had the following children: Jonas, Jr., born May 20, 1797, who married Sarah Hawks; Salmon, born Dec. 13, 1799; Horace, born Dec. 23, 1801; Ebenezer, born May 6, 1804, in New York, who came unmarried to Ohio, and in 1830 married Mary Aumend, born in Pennsylvania in 1812, and died July 28, 1843; Almira, born Aug. 29, 1806, died May 6, 1886; Clarissa, born Dec. 23, 1809, died May 4, 1886; Eaton, born June 1, 1811; Elisha and Elijah, twins, born Dec. 31, 1814, the former of whom died in 1894 and the latter in 1850; Elizabeth, born July 6, 1817, who died in 1820; Delilah, born Sept. 22, 1819, who died August 20, 1820; Phila Ann, who was born Nov. 4, 1821, and died Aug. 28,

1901; and William Henry Harrison, who was born May 5, 1824, and died Sept. 18, 1856. This was one of the best known families of this section of Crawford county, O.

To Mr. and Mrs. Sheckler the following children were born: Rachel Elida, who died when aged one and one-half years; Mary, who resides at home; and Edith Blanche, who is the wife of D. F. Grove, who carries on the farm for Mr. Sheckler. Mr. and Mrs. Grove have seven living children and one deceased. For many years Mr. Sheckler has been a member of the Auburn Baptist church. Formerly he was interested in the Grange and in all other movements that promised to benefit his neighborhood. He belongs to the progressive wing of the Republican party but has never accepted any public office except that of supervisor. In his long life he has seen many changes take place in his immediate community as well as in the country at large, his years having bridged a very important period in the history of the world.

JONATHAN F. KIMERLINE,* formerly county auditor of Crawford county, O., for many years has been prominently identified with public affairs and business interest of Bucyrus as well as other places of former residence, and may be said to bear a name that is a household word in educational circles throughout the county. And yet no man ever had to face more difficulties or overcome harder conditions than he in his efforts to secure an education for himself. He was born December 6, 1855, at Wooster, O., and is a son of John and Hannah (Derr) Kimerline.

John Kimerline was born at Stuttgart and his wife at Baden, Germany, and after their marriage in the latter place and the birth of four children—William, Louis, John and Margaret—they decided to emigrate to America. In 1854 they left Hamburg, Germany, on board a sailing vessel which landed them, 52 days later, in the harbor of New York. A brother had already established himself at Wooster, O., and to that place the German family proceeded. John Kimerline followed the shoemaking trade during the rest of his active life at Wooster. He came to Bucyrus in 1894 to spend his last days with his son, Jonathan F., and died there in 1895 in his

79th year, having survived his wife since 1881. Both he and wife were members of the German Lutheran church. They had seven children, three having been born in America. William, the eldest son, became a confectioner at Findlay, O., where he died in 1865. Louis, who is a retired drover and butcher, resides at New Washington, O., and has a family of two sons and four daughters. John died at Cleveland, O., in 1889. He had been assistant cashier for 14 years with the Cleveland Provision Company. Margaret married Anthony Gillis, a provision dealer at Half Moon Bay, Calif. Christina died at New Washington, Crawford county, while her parents were visiting there. Jonathan F. was the sixth in order of birth. The youngest child, Elizabeth, died in 1866, when aged seven years.

Jonathan F. Kimerline was the one member of the family that determined to have a thorough education and living in a college town but stimulated this ambition. He attended the common schools regularly until he was 16 years of age but his father was not able to help him on the way to further education and for a time the youth had to contend with many obstacles. However, he later made arrangements by which he was able to clothe himself decently and pay his way through college, and long ago has settled all the obligations he then assumed. He passed through Smithville College and then took a course in the Ohio Normal School at Ada, O., and in 1874 was called to Chatfield township, Crawford county, to become principal of the schools and this position he satisfactorily filled for two years and then became principal of the schools of New Washington and for 20 years thereafter he was principal and superintendent. During this time he made many changes all progressive ones and when he left that city a fine school building and many graduates testified to his educational and executive ability. In 1895 Mr. Kimerline was elected county auditor of Crawford county and served efficiently in that office for six years and afterward for seven years was deputy auditor, under his brother-in-law, J. I. Smith. Later he became clerk of the board of county commissioners, an office he holds at the present time. While still engaged in educational work he was a member of the State Board of State Examiners

and at present is clerk of the Bucyrus Board of Education. He is interested in everything along educational lines and for the past five years has been a member of the Public Library Board. For four years he has had charge of the educational department of the Crawford County Agricultural Society and is a member of the board of directors of the Bucyrus Y. M. C. A., of which he was one of the organizers.

Mr. Kimerline was married in 1881, at Congress, O., to Miss Ida M. Brenneman, a popular teacher and accomplished lady, a native of Wayne county, O., and a daughter of J. H. and Lydia Brenneman, formerly of West Virginia. Mr. and Mrs. Kimerline have had four children, two of whom, Florence and Clifford Dale, died on the same day, in 1890, aged respectively five and six years. The two survivors are Marie L. and Harry B. Marie L. graduated in the class of 1908 from the Bucyrus High School. She is talented in music and makes use of her gifts as a teacher. Harry B. Kimerline is making a name for himself as a mining chemist and at present is prospecting in the Altal mining district of Mexico. He graduated from the Bucyrus High School in the class of 1904 and later took a course in applied science at Case College and then spent one year at Ann Arbor, Mich., and subsequently graduated at Perdue University of Ind., taking his degree. Mr. Kimerline is prominent in two fraternal orders, having filled all the chairs of Lodge No. 661, Knights of Pythias, at New Washington, and being past chief of the order of Ben Hur.

CHARLES FREMONT MONROE, proprietor of the Commercial Printing Company, at Galion, O., is a well known newspaper man of this section and is widely known all over Crawford county. He was born in Franklin county, O., Oct. 18, 1857, and is a son of Isaac and Mary (Vorys) Monroe.

The name Monroe has been one of distinction in the United States and in all probability the bearers of this name descended from three brothers who came together from across the Atlantic Ocean, one of these locating in New England, one in Virginia and the third in what is now Ohio. Leonard Monroe was the name of the Ohio settler. Possibly he was

born in 1755 and it is known that he served in the War of the American Revolution and that he died in Delaware county, O., where he had long been a resident. Names of his children as follows have been preserved: Lemuel Franklin, Alonzo, Samuel, Isaac and Elsie.

Lemuel Franklin Monroe was born in Delaware county, O., May 18, 1790, served in the War of 1812 and later became a Universalist minister. On Dec. 29, 1814, he married Margaret Brown, who was born March 7, 1798, and to this union twelve children were born.

Isaac Monroe, the eldest son of Rev. Lemuel Franklin and Margaret Monroe, was born in Delaware county, O., July 17, 1816, and died April 28, 1887, in Knox county, O. He became a school teacher and even at that day this profession was considered one of extreme importance and formidable contracts were drawn up between teacher and patrons. From school records of that day the following is copied as an interesting bit of family history.

"An article of agreement made and concluded this 16th day of April, 1824, between Isaac Monroe of the county of Delaware and the State of Ohio of the one part and we, the undersigned subscribers of the other part, witnesseth that the said Monroe doth agree to teach a regular English school, for the term of one year, consisting of reading, writing and arithmetic, in a school house in the district near Leonard Monroe's where the majority of the subscribers may think proper, in consideration of which we, the subscribers do agree to pay the said Monroe one hundred and twenty-five dollars, to be paid in wheat, rye, corn, linen, tallow or beeswax, to be paid at the expiration of each quarter, at cash price, also to furnish a sufficient supply of fire wood for the use of said school, likewise to make and keep said house comfortable. Said teacher is to keep six hours in each day and five days and one-half each week, school to commence the third day of May next. The trustees of said school may discharge the teacher at the expiration of any quarter if he neglect his duty in any respect. Said teacher may quit the school at the end of any quarter if he thinks proper." This paper was signed by a dozen patrons who agreed to pay sums ranging from fifty cents to \$1. Educators of the present day might hesitate to sign documents

like the above and it is doubtful if many of them would be led from other occupations by the compensation offered. For a number of years, however, Isaac Monroe appears to have engaged in teaching and he also became prominent in the work of the Union Sunday-school. He married Mary Vorys, who was born March 26, 1824, in Washington county, Pa., and died at Galion, March 6, 1907. They were the parents of nine children.

Charles Fremont Monroe was well instructed in boyhood and youth and at the age of 19 years began to teach school, later attending Prof. Holbrook's Normal School at Lebanon, O., and was graduated in the teachers' class from that institution in 1881. For 15 years Mr. Monroe was superintendent of the Taylor Township High School in Union county. For seven years he resided at Milton Center, O., where he was mayor and editor and proprietor of the "Milford Center Ohioan," and from there, in 1904, came to Galion, where, in association with John W. Cupp, he embarked in the newspaper business. He became editor of two old established journals, the "Daily Leader" and the "Sun-Review," then operated by the Sun-Review Company. The former newspaper was established by Christian F. Eise, in 1891 and in 1896 had been taken over by the Sun-Review Company. In 1909 Mr. Monroe and Mr. Cupp sold their newspaper interests and organized the Commercial Printing Company, of which Mr. Monroe became sole proprietor in 1910.

Mr. Monroe was married Dec. 21, 1886, to Miss Mary Josephine Burson, and they have had the following children: Florence Olive, who was born at Broadway, Union county, O., March 13, 1887, and is the wife of E. Flickinger, Jr., of Galion; Willard Taylor, who was born at Broadway, July 31, 1891, and died at Galion, Nov. 17, 1894; Rowena, who was born Oct. 3, 1901, at Milton Center, O.; and Charles Fremont, who was born Dec. 8, 1903.

Ever since reaching manhood Mr. Monroe has been an interested and active citizen and has been prominently identified with the Republican party. During 1908 and 1909 he served as chairman of the Crawford County Republican Central Committee, and in 1910 became a member of the State Republican Central

Committee representing the 13th Congressional District. He is a past master Mason and a member of Galion Lodge No. 414 F. & A. M. and belongs also to the Elks and Knights of Pythias. He takes a public spirited interest in everything tending toward the development of Galion and looking to the welfare of the people, and is a needed and valued citizen.

JAMES M. HANNA, one of the leading growers and shippers of thoroughbred stock and cattle in Crawford county, O., resides on his farm of 115 acres, which lies in section 21, Auburn township, was born on a farm that adjoins his own on the east, June 27, 1852, and is a son of James and a grandson of Samuel and Elizabeth Hanna.

When Samuel Hanna came to Crawford county from Harrison county, O., he entered 160 acres of land in Auburn township, the record of which is preserved at Wooster, O. His subsequent life was spent on his property and he died there, having lived retired for some years previously. Both he and wife were laid to rest in what is known as the Hanna Cemetery, land that he donated for cemetery purposes. His children were: James; Samuel, who resides on the east half of his father's old farm; John, who followed the blacksmith trade at Decalb, O.; Margaret, who married Andrew Dixon of Vernon township, Crawford county; Thomas, who died while serving in the Civil War; William, deceased, who lived on a farm in Hancock county; Archibald, deceased, who also lived in Hancock county; and Eliza Jane, who died and is buried in Hancock county.

James Hanna, son of Samuel and father of James M., was six months old when his parents came to Crawford county and he grew to manhood in Auburn township and later secured 80 acres of the western part of the old farm and lived there until within a few years of his death, when he retired to Tiro. He was a leading member of the United Presbyterian church, there and was a member of the building committee which erected the church edifice. He was one of the solid and reliable men of both township and town and was held in great esteem. He married Clarissa Scott and all their children were born in Auburn township, namely: Catherine, now deceased, who was the wife of James Cahill; James M.,

subject of this article; and William Scott, who is the present owner of the old homestead of his father and is a resident of Tiro. He completed his education at Ada, O., while his brother and sister attended the Savanna High School, all having enjoyed excellent advantages.

After completing his education James M. Hanna married and then settled on his present farm, which was then known as the Jonah Ashley farm, although Mr. Hanna had purchased the property from his father. He has his land all under cultivation with the exception of 15 acres fenced off as a woodland pasture, and this is needed as Mr. Hanna has made a specialty of raising fine cattle and stock and owns the only herd of thoroughbred Short-horns in this section. He devotes considerable attention to raising Chester White hogs and for some twelve years has grown Shropshire sheep that have become so standard that he is called on to ship them all over the state. His place shows that many substantial improvements have been made here and that Mr. Hanna is a careful as well as successful agriculturist.

On Sept. 29, 1874, in Plymouth township, Mr. Hanna was married to Miss Harriet I. Chambers, who was born in Morrow county, O., March 30, 1853, a daughter of William Park and Mary Jane (Dougal) Chambers. They were born and reared in Springfield township, Richland, county, and during life made several removals, living mainly in Richland county. Mrs. Chambers died in Jackson township, when aged 52 years and her burial was at Shiloh, O. Mr. Chambers survived her, dying at Cleveland, when aged 69 years and six months. They were members of the United Presbyterian church.

To Mr. and Mrs. Hanna the following children have been born: Jennie Wilson, who is the wife of John F. Sawyer; Charles M., who resides two miles south of his father, and who married Jenette Carouthers and has two children—Sarah Harriet and Robert Laird; Grace Dora; Martha May, who is the wife of Orian Armstrong of Youngstown, O.; and Robert R. and Ida Marie, both of whom live at home. The family belongs to the United Presbyterian church at Mansfield. In politics Mr. Hanna is a Republican.

A. A. STARNER, M. D., proprietor of the Starner Hospital, at Galion, O., and a well known general practitioner of medicine and surgery, was born at Glenmont, Holmes county, O., and is a son of Alexander and Margaret (Ulrich) Starner.

Alexander Starner was born on the Atlantic Ocean during the voyage of his parents from Germany to America, and he died in Ohio, Dec. 21, 1894. In this state he married Margaret Ulrich, who was also of German parentage but was born in Ohio. On March 17, 1912. Mrs. Starner celebrated her 70th birthday.

In the schools of Glenmont, Millersburg and Ada, O., A. A. Starner received his early educational training, afterward teaching school two years. He then entered the office of the late Dr. Joel Pomerene, of Mt. Hope, O., who was one of the best known surgeons of that part of the state and with him received his preliminary medical reading, continuing there for two years. In 1892 he became a student in the College of Physicians and Surgeons, at Chicago, Ill., where he was a brilliant student and was graduated in 1896. At the end of his first year, Dr. Starner was the head of his class in anatomy and at the end of his third year received the Byford prize in gynecology, and at the end of his senior year was one of the six graduates of his class who carried off the highest honors. At the end of his junior year he practiced to some extent in Chicago, having one district in Cook county, and at the end of his senior year, by competitive examination, won the desired position of interne in the Alexian Brothers Hospital, Chicago. Prior to coming to Galion, in 1892, Dr. Starner practiced his profession at Danville, O. In 1906 he opened his private hospital in this city, erecting a commodious building in a favorable situation, fitting it up with all modern conveniences and appliances for hospital purposes. Here patients are treated with professional skill and they come from every section of the country. Dr. Starner keeps fully abreast with scientific progress, having taken two post graduate courses under the famous Mayo Brothers, surgeons of world-wide fame, at Rochester, Minn., since opening his hospital, and prior to this time took two courses in the great medical centers of Chicago.

Dr. Starner was married to Miss Emma C. Snyder, who was born and reared at Mt. Hope, O., and completed her musical education at Evanston, Ill., after which she taught music for a time. Dr. and Mrs. Starner have five children: Genevieve, Kathleen, Joel, Virginia and Mary. The eldest daughter was so proficient in her studies that last year at school she was awarded a gold medal. Dr. Starner and family are members of St. Patrick's Roman Catholic church. He belongs to the Knights of Columbus and is identified with the leading medical organizations of county and state.

JOSEPH NIEDERMEIER, who carries on general farming on section 23, Cranberry township, Crawford county, O., where he owns 80 acres of valuable land, situated on the south side of the East and West road, was born on this farm, June 28, 1866, and is a son of Peter and Barbara (Rauner) Niedermeier.

Peter Niedermeier was born in Australia and married there and then came to America and settled in Auburn township, Crawford county, O., where they lived until they moved to the farm above mentioned. When Peter Niedermeier took possession of this farm it was covered with a native forest growth and it took much hard work and a number of years to place it in its present high state of cultivation, it now being one of the best farms in the township. Mr. Niedermeier and wife finally retired to New Washington and lived there for four years, and there his wife died, June 27, 1898, aged 76 years. After her death he returned to the old homestead and his last years were spent with his son Joseph, and here he died June 27, 1903, his birth having taken place May 23, 1825. Both he and wife were faithful members of the Roman Catholic church and they were interred in the church cemetery at New Washington. There were seven children in the family and five of these survive.

Joseph Niedermeier, with his brothers and sisters, attended school in Cranberry township. While the others left home when they formed domestic ties of their own, he remained with his parents and later purchased the farm and has continued here ever since. He has already done much improving and at the



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time of writing (1912) is erecting a fine brick residence, with modern improvements which will be a beautiful home.

Mr. Niedermeier married Miss Rosa Biglin, who was born in the Shelby Settlement, a daughter of John and Margaret Biglin, and they have five children: Frank, Linus, Clarence, John and Edward. The family belongs to St. Bernard Catholic church. In politics he is a Democrat.

Andrew Niedermeier, a brother of Joseph, has recently purchased 90 acres in section 11, Cranberry township, two and one-half miles northeast of New Washington. He married Margaret Bigley of Richland county, a daughter of John Bigley, and they have ten children: Rosa, Roman, Blanche, George, Mary, Clara, Joseph, Alfred, Carl and Arthur. Mr. Niedermeier resided on a 40-acre farm west of the homestead, for 20 years. Like his brother Joseph, he is a Democrat in politics and a member of the Catholic church. The Niedermeier family is known and highly respected all over Cranberry township.

JOHN W. STUCKMAN,* who owns and operates 160 acres in Bucyrus township and 40 acres in Tod township, Crawford county, and who is also a stock holder in the Farmers & Citizens Bank, was born in Bucyrus township, Feb. 23, 1867, a son of Peter and Margaret (Bickel) Stuckman. Mr. and Mrs. Peter Stuckman had the following children: George P.; Anna, the wife of Rev. J. H. Patterson, a minister of the U. B. church, who is an elder of the Eastern Ohio Conference; John W.; Maggie, the wife of John C. Kraner; Aaron A.; and Esther, deceased.

After his education in the common schools of his locality was over John W. Stuckman entered the Ohio Northern University at Ada and spent one year there. He then learned telegraphy and for two years was engaged in that work in the Pennsylvania Railroad office in Bucyrus. He then turned his attention to agriculture and has since devoted himself to that occupation in connection with stock buying. His live stock trade is carried on the markets of Buffalo and Pittsburg and he also deals extensively in poultry in the eastern markets.

On March 27, 1895, Mr. Stuckman was mar-

ried to Grace L. Albright, a native of this township and a daughter of Emanuel and Catherine (Rexroth) Albright. Emanuel Albright was born in Pennsylvania and his wife in Germany. He was a Republican in politics and with his wife attended the Methodist church. They were the parents of the following children: William, Joseph, George, Mary (the wife of Lewis Kissling), Gertrude (the wife of John Kissling), Grace L. (the wife of our subject), Nellie (the wife of George Fahl), Frederick and Margaret (the wife of Henry Gushman).

Mr. and Mrs. John Stuckman have the following children: Hazel, Harlan, Helen and Hester. He is a Democrat in politics. He served as central committee man of this district for several terms, was a member of the school board for about 20 years and is now president of the Agricultural Society of Crawford county. He is a member of the F. & A. M., K. of P. and F. O. E., all at Bucyrus. Mr. and Mrs. Stuckman are members of the U. B. church.

MRS. CATHERINE SHELL, who is a well known and very highly esteemed resident of Cranberry township, Crawford county, O., was born in Germany, Nov. 28, 1849, and is a daughter of Joseph and Barbara (Holly) Kreim.

Joseph Kreim was born in Bohemia, Austria, a son of Joseph and Mary Ann Kreim, the youngest of their five children. He and his brother Philip came to America and the latter lived two miles west of Plymouth, O. on the Westfall farm. He was a weaver of cloth in Germany and after coming to the United States learned to weave rag carpets.

In Germany Joseph Kreim was married to Barbara Holly, who was born there June 11, 1826, and died Aug. 17, 1910. For six years after marriage they lived in Germany and then came to America and joined his brother Philip, near Plymouth. Afterward he moved to Sandusky, O., prior to the Civil War, and there assisted to build the Ohio Canal. For five years afterward he and family lived on a small farm near Ripley and then moved on the Westfall farm near Plymouth. He then bought 40 acres of land in Cranberry township on which his family lived during his ab-

sence of nine months in the army, during the Civil War. After he received his honorable discharge he was so anxious to reach home that he walked the entire distance from Shelby and Mrs. Shell remembers how she was the one that met him at the door in the middle of the night. Later he erected another house on the place and it was in that residence that he died on Feb. 1, 1897. Both he and wife were devoted members of the Catholic church and it was a source of great pleasure to them that all their children became devout church members.

The eldest child of Joseph and Barbara Kreim was an infant that lived but four days. Catherine was the second born. Philip, who was two years old when his parents came from Germany, married Caroline Weis and they live near Cleveland, O., and have nine children: Leo, Louisa, Frederick, Fredericka, Rose, Theresa, William and John. Mary Madeline, who was three months old when the family came to America, married F. X. Blum, of Cranberry township. Joseph, the fifth in order of birth, never married. He died in Pennsylvania on April 25, 1909, at the age of 53 years and was buried by his family in the Catholic cemetery at New Washington. Frank J., resides in Cranberry township. Amelia, deceased, was the wife of John Muhr, who lives in Cranberry township. Anna Mary married Joseph Lang, of Crestline, O., and they have two children, Walter and Anna. Two children, Anthony and Mary, died in infancy.

Catherine Kreim was educated at Ripley and at Plymouth, O., and under a good mother's supervision, learned all housekeeping mysteries. On Nov. 12, 1868, she was married to Joseph M. Shell, who was born in Austria, Sept. 17, 1845, and they had ten children born to them, the survivors being: Mrs. Rose B. Alt, Edward W., Mrs. Mary M. Uhl, Mrs. Catherine Emlinger, and Frank Joseph and Leon Francis, both of whom live at home. Mr. and Mrs. Shell lost the following children: an unnamed infant; Joseph A., who died when aged three years and nine months; Mary Celesta, who was but two weeks old; and Amelia Josephia, who lived to the age of 18 years.

Joseph M. Shell is a son of Joseph and

Catherine (Lautner) Shell. His father was born in Austria in 1824, a son of Frank Shell, a potter by trade. Joseph Shell, Sr., came to America in 1872 and located in Venice township, Seneca county, O., where he bought 26 acres of land, on which he lived until his death, April 1, 1877. He was a faithful member of the Catholic church. His wife was born in 1825, a daughter of John Lautner, who was a potter by trade. She died in 1896, the mother of eleven children.

Joseph M. Shell attended school before coming to the United States and afterward attended three months in order to learn the language. In 1865 he came to America, landing at New York and when he reached Cleveland, O., he had two dollars as his sole capital. He immediately found work as a potter, and after two years at his trade, embarked in the pottery business for himself, at Shenandoah, Richland county, O., where he remained until the spring of 1868, when he came to New Washington, where he erected a residence and shop and engaged in the pottery business. By this time, however, industrial life and methods had been changed by the concentration of capital and he found his venture unprofitable. He then went to work on the railroad then in course of construction here, and continued until 1874, when he bought 40 acres of land situated one mile west of his present farm in section 24, Cranberry township. He sold his first land for \$100 per acre, and in 1884 purchased the first 80 acres of his present farm, to which he has added two adjoining tracts and now has 110 acres, situated three miles southeast of New Washington. Mr. Shell has always been an industrious and enterprising man and a good, law abiding citizen. He is a Democrat in politics and has served as a trustee of Cranberry township for six years and in 1900 was appointed land appraiser. He is a member of the Catholic church.

CHRISTIAN A. NUNGESSER, who, for many years contributed to the agricultural prosperity of Whetstone township, Crawford county, O., where his farm of 100 acres is situated, has lived retired since 1898, and has occupied his comfortable residence on the corner of West Main Street and Klymer Avenue, Galion, O. He was born at Auerbach, Ger-

many, in the province of Hesse Darmstadt, Feb. 16, 1833, and is a son of George and Eva (Kyle) Nungesser.

The parents of Mr. Nungesser lived and died in Hesse Darmstadt. The father followed the shoemaking trade and by that means was able to take care of his family although he could afford them no luxuries. The parents were members of the Lutheran church. Three sons were born to them: Peter, who learned his father's trade, and spent his entire life in Germany; Christian A., our subject; and George, who spent his life as a farmer in Germany.

Christian A. Nungesser was taught the trade of shoemaker by his practical father and before he left his native land had become a skilled workman. Those were the days when all footwear was made by hand and the demand was greater in many sections than the supply. In June, 1852, the youth embarked for America on a sailing vessel and, although he was compelled to be on the water for 47 days, he was safely landed in the harbor of New York. He soon made his way to Cincinnati, O., where he worked at his trade for three years, after which he located at Winchester, in Crawford county, where he conducted a shop until he was married, when he moved on a farm in Whetstone township and developed his land into one of the fine farms of that section.

Mr. Nungesser was married in Whetstone township, to Miss Elizabeth Helfrich, who was born at Galion, May 22, 1840, and has always been a resident of her native county. She is a daughter of Peter and Margaretta (Barmouth) Helfrich, natives of Wurtemberg, Germany, who came to the United States and became farmers in Whetstone township, settling there in 1833. They had a family of three sons and two daughters and two sons and two daughters still survive. To Mr. and Mrs. Nungesser four children were born: Lila, who is the wife of Isaac Cook, residing in Whetstone township and has a son and a daughter; Maggie, who is the widow of Henry Rexroth, and who lives in Whetstone township and has six children; Jennie, who is the wife of Jacob Guinther and resides on a farm near Winchester and has four daughters; and M. G., who is a prominent citizen and well

known farmer in Whetstone township, a leading Democratic politician and his party's nominee for state representative. Mr. and Mrs. Nungesser are valued members of the German Lutheran church. They are kind and hospitable people and have a wide circle of friends both at Galion and in the country where they lived so long.

A. R. CRIDDLE, a leading citizen and representative business man of Tiro, O., manager and owner of the Tiro Handle Factory of this place, one of the town's most important industrial enterprises, was born at Coal Brook, Ashtabula county, O., Dec. 30, 1867, and is a son of Robert F. and Charity (York) Criddle. Of their nine children there are seven yet living.

A. R. Criddle was reared and educated in his native county and was engaged there in business until he came to Tiro, in August, 1910, and built his present plant, locating in the northwestern part of the town, employment being given 16 men and the product being all kinds and sizes of wood handles, a stationary boiler being used and the motive power being steam. Mr. Criddle is a very enterprising and far sighted business man and has much manufacturing experience.

In Ashtabula county, Mr. Criddle was married to Miss Carrie B. Fobes, who was born in Wayne township, Ashtabula county, a daughter of Riveris and Dila (Albridge) Fobes, and they have five children: Robert Carl and Riveris, both of whom are employed in the factory; Ethel, who is a student in the Tiro High School; Ruby, who still is in the common school; and Raymond. Mr. Criddle and family are members of the Brethren church. He belongs fraternally to the Odd Fellows, the Knights of Pythias and the Rebeccas. Mr. Criddle is not actively interested in politics.

HENRY BIEBIGHAUSER, for a number of years an active business citizen of Galion, O., now practically retired, was born in Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany, March 10, 1848, and is a son of John and Ephra (Ranth) Biebighauser. The father, a horseshoer by trade, spent his life in Hesse-Darmstadt, where he died in 1857, aged 55 years. His

widow survived until 1880, dying when aged 70 years. They were members of the German Lutheran church. Of their family of two sons and five daughters, Henry was the youngest. One sister, Kate, who is the widow of John Sozten, and his brother, August, also came to the United States and all live at Galion.

Henry Biebighauser was nine years old when his father died. He attended a German school in boyhood and then learned the shoe-making trade and in 1866 came to America and joined his brother at Upper Sandusky, O., and in 1867 they came to Galion. He worked for one year at his trade and for another year was with his brother in the blacksmith business, but in 1869 he went into the butchering business and successfully continued in the same until 1905, when he retired, turning over his heaviest responsibilities to his son. In business circles he gained the respect of his fellow citizens for his honest and upright methods and in all that has concerned the public good of the city since he has been a resident, he has been enterprising and public spirited.

On Feb. 6, 1873, Mr. Biebighauser was married to Miss Margaret Helfrich, who was born in Crawford county, O., where her life has been passed. Her parents were Philip and Catherine (Rhinemuth) Helfrich, who came from Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany, to the United States and settled on a farm in Whetstone township, Crawford county. The father was a blacksmith by trade. He and his wife died at Galion. Nine children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Biebighauser, the survivors being: Carl, who operates the meat market located at No. 322 East Main Street, which his father established, and who married at Galion and has three children—Helen, Frederick and Isabel; Emma, who is the wife of Leon Zigler, of Galion, and has two children—Margaret and Ida; Ida, the wife of Harry Beach, who is in the employ of the Erie Railway Company; and Elizabeth, the wife of Clyde Smith, who is associated with her brother in the meat business. They have one son, Henry. The family belongs to the German Lutheran church. In politics Mr. Biebighauser and sons are Democrats and fraternally he is identified with the Odd Fellows and the Knights of Pythias.

MRS. AMELIA WECHTER, a property owner and a very highly esteemed resident of Auburn township, Crawford county, O., her farm of 150 acres lying in section 7, was born at Milan, O., and is a daughter of Anthony and Josephine Fisher, both of whom died at Milan, O.

Amelia Fisher was reared at Milan and attended school there. On Oct. 10, 1872, she was married to Joseph A. Wechter, who was born at Rochester, N. Y., a son of Joseph and Magdalena Wechter, and died at Toledo, O., suffocated by gas. He was buried at New Washington, Crawford county, Dec. 1, 1897. At the time of his death he was aged 48 years, six months and fourteen days. After marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Wechter settled on a farm in Cranberry township, two miles east of New Washington, and after the birth of two of their children, moved to east of Norwalk, O., where there were three children born. They moved then to Chatfield township where they remained 16 years, when they came to the present farm, known as the old Curtis place, which was partly improved, but Mrs. Wechter and children remodeled the buildings and made many additional improvements. All the farm is under cultivation except 30 acres still in valuable timber.

To Mr. and Mrs. Wechter the following children were born: Josephine, who is the wife of John Fries and lives near Norwalk, O.; John, who also lives near Norwalk; Elizabeth, who is the wife of Martin Kramer, and lives near Milan, O.; Mary, who is the wife of August Heydinger, of Auburn township; Frank, who married Clara Pifer and lives in Auburn township; Rose, who is the wife of Searl Daugherty and lives in Huron county; Willie and Millie, twins, the former of whom married Rose Landoll, of Huron county, and the latter of whom married Phillip Mellein and lives at Milan; Charles, who operates the home farm; Patronillia, who is a successful teacher in Auburn township; Linus, who assists on the home farm; and Gertrude, who lives with her mother. Mrs. Wechter and family are members of the Catholic church, as was Mr. Wechter. In politics he was a Democrat and while living in Chatfield township, served two terms as road supervisor. He was an industrious and successful farmer and was well known all through this section and had many friends.

JOHN FAILE, deceased, was a member of one of the old German families that came early to Crawford county, O., where through industry, sobriety and thrift they became people of substance and of esteem in the communities in which they lived. He was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, Jan. 18, 1822, and was eight years old when he accompanied his parents, William and Mary Faile, to the United States.

In 1830, when the Failes came to America the only means of reaching the American shore was by way of the slow sailing ships and the family spent two long months on the water. After landing, as rapidly as possible, they came on to Crawford county and settled on wild land in what is now Chatfield township. There his first wife died and he married Mrs. Caroline Jacob, who had two children: Hester and Caroline, who reside in Iowa. To the first marriage of William Faile five children were born, all of whom are now deceased. John Faile was the eldest born. Christian was accidentally killed by a fractious horse when aged 30 years. Adam was accidentally burned when young, at a maple sugar camp. Daniel was a soldier in the Civil War and was accidentally killed by an exploding shell. William followed his trade of brickmaker, at Galion, where he died in middle life. To the second marriage of William Faile a daughter was born, who now resides in Iowa. Late in life William Faile retired to Galion, where his death occurred when aged 80 years, his wife surviving to the age of 75 years.

John Faile was a quiet, industrious man and followed farming all his active life, meeting with a large degree of success. At the time of death, which occurred at Galion, April 13, 1899, one year after retiring to this city, he was able to leave to his widow a valuable farm of 100 acres, which is situated in Polk township. In politics he had always been a strong Democrat and as a man of good judgment and high standing in his community, had been elected at times to township offices. He was a faithful member of the German Lutheran church.

On April 1, 1851, Mr. Faile was married in Whetstone township, Crawford county, O., to Miss Julia Ann Snyder, who was born in York county, Pa., Oct. 15, 1831, a daughter

of Rev. Jacob and Elizabeth (Spotts) Snyder. The parents of Mrs. Faile were born and married in Pennsylvania and the father was a teacher and also a preacher in the United Brethren church. He was born in York county, Oct. 30, 1794, and spent his entire life of 60 years there. His wife was born Oct. 23, 1794, and died in 1870. Mrs. Faile was carefully educated by her father and in the public schools. She was 18 years of age when, in 1849, she accompanied her married sisters, Sarah and Elizabeth, to Galion and with the exception of her years of married life spent on the farm, has ever since been a resident of this city. She is well known and greatly esteemed, being an active Christian worker wherever she sees her services needed. She has been almost a lifelong member of the United Brethren church. Of her ten children, eight grew to maturity and six survive. Ida M., who is now deceased, was the wife of Albert Newhouse and left one son. Amanda, who is now deceased, was the wife of Frank Ness, a carpenter at Galion, and she had two sons, Luther Ness, and Roy, deceased. Those living are: Mary, who is the wife of Daniel Dye, of Galion, and has had two children—Archie Leroy, and one who died when aged 14 months; Lucinda Ann, who is the wife of John Raymond, of Alvordton, O., and has one daughter, Olive, who is married and has two children; Susan, who is the wife of Emanuel Crissinger, of Galion, and has two sons, William and Addison; Henrietta, who is the wife of Samuel Christman, of Galion, and has one daughter, Julia L., who was born Sept. 3, 1900; Ella Elizabeth, who is the second wife of Frank Ness; and William, who conducts a boot and shoe business at Bucyrus, and married Elizabeth Andrews. All these children were given good educational opportunities and are representative people who reflect credit on their parentage.

JACOB ANSON DENZER,* a prosperous farmer of Bucyrus township, who in company with his sister Jennie, owns 126 acres of land, the latter being one-third owner of same, was born in this county, Dec. 31, 1857, a son of Jacob and Matilda (McNeal) Denzer. He is a grandson of Andrew Denzer, who was born and reared in Baden, Germany, and who

fought as a soldier under the great Napoleon, taking part in the disastrous Russian campaign. Andrew survived the horrors of that campaign, where so many thousands of his comrades fell or perished from cold, and about 1833 came to America with his family. Here he lived seven years, dying about 1840. He married in Germany, Hester A. Finfgelt and they had four sons and one daughter, namely: Andrew, George, Jacob, Mary and Simon. Two of the number died in the Fatherland and were buried in Upfingen, Baden. The mother survived her husband many years, passing away in 1876 at the age of ninety-four.

Jacob Denzer, father of our subject, was a lad of 13 years when he accompanied his parents to the New World. Not long after their arrival they became residents of Crawford county, the father (Andrew) purchasing 15 acres of timber land in Liberty township, which he cleared and on which he build a log cabin. In the following spring Jacob began to earn his own living by working as a farm hand. He was thus employed until he was 25 years of age, giving his wages to his parents until he attained his majority. At the age of 25 he began farming on rented land, which he operated for three years. On March 13, 1850, he married Matilda McNeal, of Crawford county. She was born in Huntingdon county, Pa., Dec. 6, 1826, and was a woman of energy and thrift, proving of great assistance to her husband. After his marriage Mr. Denzer rented a farm for six years and in the meanwhile purchased 38 acres of land. In 1863 he purchased his fine homestead—one of the best farms in the county—as a result of his energy and thrift and that of his wife. Besides carrying on general farming he operated a saw-mill for some ten years. He was prosperous and became one of the representative farmers and stock raisers of the county. He was continually improving his farm and erected all the substantial and commodious buildings which stand on it today. When well advanced in years he retired from active labor and he and his wife spent their last years on this homestead, seeing their children growing up around them and becoming worthy and respected members of the community. These children were Mary L., Jennie, Andrew, Esther, Simon J., Anson J., Ella, Alexander,

Maggie, Lewis I. and Electa V. Two died in childhood—Florence and an infant son.

Jacob Anson Denzer attended the common schools in his boyhood and was brought up on the farm, being trained to agricultural pursuits. He has spent all his life up to the present time on the farm on which he now resides with the exception of three years when he was farming in the West. His sister Jennie, who, as already stated, owns one-third of the property, has charge of the household, which she manages capably, there being no idlers in the Denzer family. The other children are mostly married, Mary being the wife of Stephen Brehman, Esther, the wife of James Dobbins, Ella, the wife of Myron Andrews, Margaret, the wife of Ira Quaintance, and Electa, the wife of Lewis Beard. Mr. Denzer is a Democrat politically, as was also his father, but is not an active politician.

CHARLES HESS, one of the leading business men of Galion, O., a member of the firm of Hess Brothers, conducting a large meat market at No. 229 South Market Street, successors of their father who established the business at this location, was born at Galion, July 29, 1864, a son of Henry and a grandson of Henry and Mary (Snyder) Hess.

The grandparents of Mr. Hess were born in Hesse Darmstadt, Germany, and came from there with their children in 1851, on a sailing vessel to New York City, and from there by team, to Galion, O. They prospered and owned a small farm which is now included in the city limits, on West Main Street, which property is yet owned by their descendants. Only one of their sons survive, Daniel Hess, who lives retired.

Henry Hess, Jr., father of Charles Hess, was born in 1832, in Germany, and was 19 years old when he came to Galion. For some years he was in the grocery business in partnership with Jacob J. Schaffer, but afterward went into the meat business and for more than 40 years conducted his market, being probably one of the first men in the city to conduct the same along modern lines. He was a useful and respected citizen. He survived his wife, dying in 1905, she having passed away in 1876. She was a member of the Lutheran church. Of their children two died in infancy and one

daughter, Mary, some years after her marriage to William Weisterman and is survived by two daughters. The survivors are: Henry, who resides at Galion; Charles, our subject; Emma and Lizzie, all of whom reside together on the old homestead on West Main Street and all are members and liberal supporters of the German Lutheran church.

Charles Hess obtained his education in the public schools of his native city, grew up in his father's business and in 1888, in partnership with his brother, succeeded to the business, at which time the present firm name was adopted. Both partners are practical meat men and carefully supervise their output and direct their 15 helpers. Both brothers, like their late father, are Democrats. Charles Hess is identified with the fraternal order of Elks, while Henry belongs to the Eagles and also to a German order. They stand high as reliable and enterprising business men.

HENRY A. KINSEY, foreman of the erecting department of the Erie Railway shops at Galion, O., came to this city in 1874 and has been identified with these shops since 1888. He was born in Morrow county, O., Dec. 7, 1855, a son of Christian and Mary (Kinsey) Kinsey.

The parents of Mr. Kinsey were born in Switzerland and the father came to the United States when a young man and the mother, with her parents. Her father, John Kinsey, was a well known pioneer and gunsmith in Morrow county, O., and there he and wife lived and died, members of the Reformed church. The parents of Henry A. Kinsey were married in Bloomfield township, Morrow county, and began married life there and passed the remainder of their days in that neighborhood, becoming people of property and known and respected far and wide. They were not long separated by death, only a few weeks intervening, the father passing away in March, 1907, when aged 80 years, and the mother in May following, when aged 76 years, their burial being in Fairview Cemetery. They were members of the Methodist Episcopal church. They had three sons: Daniel, who still lives in Bloomfield township, who is married and has two children—Frank and Lulu; Jacob, who is unmarried; and Henry A., our subject.

Henry A. Kinsey was reared and obtained his education in his native place and in early manhood came to Galion desirous of learning the machinist's trade, and entered the shops of the C. C. & I. Railroad. In 1876 he decided to return to farming and was engaged in agricultural pursuits until 1880, when he went to work for Squires & Horner, foundrymen. In 1888 he entered the employ of the Erie people and has continued here, being gradually advanced until he now fills a position of recognized responsibility.

Mr. Kinsey was married in Morrow county to Miss Anna A. Crommenweth, a granddaughter of Frederick Crommenweth, who was born in Germany, May 19, 1793, and came to the United States and settled in Morrow county in 1848, where he died Sept. 19, 1884, one of the Old Guard of Napoleon, under whom he had enlisted for the Russian campaign, in 1815. He served 14 years and was at the battle of Waterloo. His son, Frederick, was the father of Mrs. Kinsey and was born in Germany. He married Elizabeth Baker in Morrow county, who died there when aged 75 years, her husband passing at the age of 72 years. They were members of the German Lutheran church. Two sons were born to Mr. and Mrs. Kinsey: Harry G. and Roy E. The former, after graduating from the Galion High School in 1898, learned the machinist trade and later became editor of the Galion Leader, a position he resigned in order to become advertising man for the Canton Republican-News, of which he later became editor. Roy E. graduated from the Galion High School in 1909 and in the same year became teller in the Citizens National Bank. Mr. Kinsey and sons are all Republicans. The family belongs to the English Lutheran church and the sons are both identified with the fraternal order of Elks.

JOHN F. SAWYER, who is one of the leading men of Auburn township, Crawford county, O., treasurer of Special School District at Maple Grove, resides on his farm of 160 acres, situated in section 21, one and three-fourths miles north and one mile east of Tiro, O. He was born in Auburn township, Crawford county, Jan. 31, 1871, and is a son of Albanus and a grandson of Erastus

Sawyer, who came to this section in very early days.

John F. Sawyer was reared on the home farm in Auburn township and in boyhood attended the public schools, afterward the New Washington High School and completed his education in the Normal School at Ada, O., where he profitably spent two terms. Mr. Sawyer returned to Auburn township and has carried on his agricultural activities here ever since, general farming and raising hogs and sheep. He remodeled the old residence which had been built by his father and also built a house on the adjoining 80 acres and has everything in good shape around him. He cultivates all his land with the exception of about 30 acres yet in timber.

On Jan. 1, 1900, Mr. Sawyer was married to Jennie Wilson Hanna, who was born March 6, 1876, a daughter of J. M. and Harriet Adora (Chambers) Hanna, and they have three children: Waldo Verne, Dwight Franklin and Mildred Winona. Mr. Sawyer and family are members of the Lutheran church at Tiro. Politically he is a Republican and fraternally a Knight of Pythias, attending the lodge at Tiro, O.

AUSTIN F. LOWE, cashier of the Citizens National Bank of Galion, O., with which institution he has been identified in his present relation, since 1880, is a native of Ohio and was born at Galion, in 1858. His parents were Lloyd and Elizabeth (Mason) Lowe.

Lloyd Lowe and wife were both born in Pennsylvania and in 1834 they were married near York, Pa., and at once started by team, for Galion, O., where he went into the contracting business. Here his death occurred in 1883, at the age of 76 years, his wife surviving him for two years. They were well known and highly respected people. Of their family of six children, Austin F. was the youngest born, the others being as follows: John W., deceased, who served four years in the Confederate Army during the Civil war; Isabel, who is the wife of Clinton Payne, residing at Decatur, Ill.; Isaac, who died at Decatur and who was a veteran of the Union army in the Civil war; Lewis S., who enlisted for service in the Civil War in 1862, and was killed at the battle of Stone River, in 1863,

being the first enlisted soldier of Galion to give up his life for his country; and Mary, who is the wife of Alvin P. Paul, residing at Santa Anna, Calif.

Austin F. Lowe was educated in the public schools of Galion and from the school room entered the Citizens National Bank in a clerical capacity and has been connected continuously with this institution up to the present. The Citizens National Bank of Galion was established in 1866 and was chartered as a National bank in 1872, with ample capital. John Beatty, now a resident of Columbus, O., was its first president and J. H. Green its first cashier, the latter succeeding Mr. Beatty as president, and dying in 1894. The present condition of the bank is prosperous and its officers and board of directors are all men of capital and known responsibility.

Mr. Lowe was married at Galion, O., to Miss Emma E. Cave, who was born at Crestline, O., a lady of culture and education, who had been a teacher for several years prior to her marriage. She is a daughter of Francis and Margaret Cave, former residents of Crestline and later of Galion. The father of Mrs. Lowe served in a Pennsylvania regiment in the Civil War. His death occurred at Galion in January, 1911, where his widow resides, being now in her 80th year. She has been a lifelong member of the Methodist Episcopal church, having been reared in the faith. Mr. and Mrs. Lowe have one daughter, Edna E., who was educated at Roanoke, Va., and at Washington, Pa., and is a college graduate. Politically Mr. Lowe is zealous in his support of the principles of the Republican party but has never been willing to consider any political office for himself. In his fraternal connections, Mr. Lowe has long been identified with the Masons and Knights of Pythias at Galion, having been senior warden in the former organization and a charter member since the founding of the latter order here, in 1884.

R. E. SAWYER. Among the old and substantial families of Auburn township, Crawford county, O., may be counted that of Sawyer, a worthy member of which is R. E. Sawyer, who resides on his well improved farm of 105 acres, which is situated in section 21, and who is known throughout the

county additionally as an insurance agent, representing a number of mutual insurance companies. He was born on a farm that adjoins his own on the west, June 4, 1860, and is a son of Albanus and Anna Maria (Winn) Sawyer.

Albanus Sawyer was born in Auburn township, where he spent his long and useful life, his death occurring Feb. 7, 1903, when aged 79 years, four months and twenty-one days. His parents were Erastus and Sally Sawyer, the former of whom was born in Schuylar county, N. Y., Oct. 10, 1800, and died July 12, 1870. His wife was born in Cayuga county, N. Y., April 27, 1802, and died Aug. 22, 1873, and their burial was in the Auburn Cemetery. At one time Albanus Sawyer was a very large landowner, having 100 acres in Henry county and a very large body in Crawford county, and a great deal of this land is still held by his heirs. He was a man of sterling character and was held in the highest regard by his fellow citizens. In earlier days he was a Whig but later became a Republican and at different times served in township offices with credit to himself and with advantage to the community. He was interested in the public schools and donated the land which is known as Maple Grove Special School land. He was one of the leading members and liberal supporters of the Methodist Episcopal church in Auburn township. He married Anna Maria Winn, who was born in Cranberry township, Crawford county, a daughter of John and Rebecca Winn, natives of Pennsylvania. She died July 7, 1890, when aged 70 years, 7 months and 18 days. The following children were born to them: Cornelia, who married William Bender; R. W., who lives at Richmond, Ind.; Asa, who died Dec. 5, 1884, aged 27 years, 11 months and 15 days; R. E.; Clara, who died Jan. 4, 1885, aged 20 years, 8 months and 12 days; Anna, who married I. W. Loudon, of Liberty Center, O.; Lottie E., who is the wife of James Morrow; Erastus, who died when two years old; and John E., who resides on the home farm.

R. E. Sawyer attended the local schools through boyhood and then spent two years in the Ohio Northern University at Ada, O., and after his return to Auburn township

taught the winter school for nine successive terms in the home district and taught also in the Tiro High School, 13 terms in all. During all this time he had resided on his present farm, on which he has made the improvements including about five miles of tiling. With the exception of 12 acres, which he devotes to pasturage, his farm is all under fine cultivation. He is a stockholder in the Shelby Telephone Company. To his insurance business he devotes usually the first three days of the week and writes risks for the Crawford County Mutual Fire and Lightning Company, and the Ohio Mutual Wind, Storm and Tornado Insurance Company, his territory covering four townships in Richland county, two in Crawford and four in Huron county.

Mr. Sawyer was married to Miss Eunice L. Trago, who was born in Auburn township, a daughter of S. W. and Amelia Trago, and four children have been born to them, namely: Huron E., who resides with his family at Dayton; Porter, who operates the home farm, and married Carrie Mae Bender, of Sandusky township; Kenneth E., who formerly was a teacher in Crawford county and is now in the employ of the First National Bank at Portland, Ore.; and Milo B., who is a student in the Tiro High School. Mr. and Mrs. Sawyer belong to the Lutheran church at Tiro. In politics he is a Democrat, of the progressive type. For many years Mr. Sawyer has been prominent in the work of the Crawford County Grange and has been county deputy for twelve years and served as first chancellor of Tiro Lodge No. 593, Knights of Pythias. He has filled numerous responsible positions, for six years being a member and director of the Crawford County Mutual Insurance Co., and for ten years was president of the Northeastern Ohio Farm Institute Association. For several years he served as a member of the township board of education and was clerk of that body.

WILLIS PRENTICE KIMBLE, a well-known resident of Galion, O., is the oldest division engineer in term of service on the Erie Railroad. He was born at Paris, Edgar county, Ill., April 6, 1858, a son of George W. and Sarah J. Kimble.

Mr. Kimble attended public and private

schools in Paris and in 1879 graduated from the College of Engineering, University of Illinois. In August of that year he entered the engineering department of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad at Las Vegas, New Mexico, and continued in various positions with that railroad until January, 1881, when he became connected with the Mexican Central Railroad, remaining with that line until August, 1884, during this time being principally employed as locating and division engineer in charge of construction. It was while he was with the Mexican Central that they ran the first line of railroad from the United States across the line into Mexico. From August, 1884, to Jan. 1, 1886, Mr. Kimble was engaged in municipal and county engineering at Paris, Ill., but on the latter date he reentered the service of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad on the Kansas City to Chicago extension, filling the position of locating engineer and division engineer in charge of construction. He afterwards was division roadmaster, Kansas City east, and later general roadmaster from Chicago to Kansas City and St. Joseph, Mo. In March, 1894, he entered the service of the New York, Lake Erie & Western Railroad (now the Erie) as division roadmaster and in 1897 he was made division engineer of the Cincinnati Division of the Erie and has continued in that capacity until the present time.

Mr. Kimble was married on Nov. 8, 1888, to Miss Sara S. Gates, of La Platta, Mo.

G. M. KLEIN, who carries on general farming in section 1, Cranberry township, Crawford county, O., where he owns 107 acres of valuable and well improved land, is one of the representative citizens of this part of the county. He was born on this farm, Jan. 23, 1849, and is a son of Conrad and Margaret (High) Klein.

Conrad Klein and wife were both born in Wittenberg, Germany. They came to America and were married in Cranberry township, Crawford county, on the day preceding Mr. Klein's 30th birthday. They then settled on the farm above mentioned, all of which Conrad cleared, and here he engaged in farming for many years and then, with his wife retired to New Washington. There he died some

four years later, at the age of 73, she surviving to the age of 74 years. They were members of the Lutheran church and their burial was in the Lutheran cemetery. They were parents of four daughters and two sons, namely: Elizabeth, who is the wife of John Lederer, residing near Toledo; Matilda, deceased, who was the wife of Benjamin Guiss; Mary, who is the wife of John Utz; Caroline, who is the wife of Jacob Michelfelder; Adam, who died at the age of five years; and G. M., who was the second in order of birth.

G. M. Klein attended the district school when his father could spare him and remained at home as the only son to grow to maturity. This property has undergone much improvement and in 1900 Mr. Klein erected his comfortable residence, his other buildings being equally substantial.

Mr. Klein was married (first) to Miss Mary Herr, a daughter of George Herr. Mr. Klein was married (second) to Miss Mary Vollmer, a daughter of Jacob Vollmer. Mrs. Klein died Sept. 18, 1905, when aged 44 years, 5 months and 23 days. She was a member of the Lutheran church and her burial was at New Washington. No children were born to his first marriage, but Mr. Klein has five children of his second union: Theodore, who married Jennie John, and lives at Mansfield, O.; and Lydia, Emma, Alfred and Paul. The family belongs to the Lutheran church. In politics Mr. Klein is a stanch Democrat and on the Democratic ticket he has frequently been elected to important offices. For some years he served as school director, four successive years was road supervisor and two terms was township trustee.

ANDREW HETICH GIBSON, who owns and manages his own farm of 80 acres and also attends to his wife's farm of 356 acres, both situated in Whetstone township, Crawford county, O., is one of the representative citizens of this section and a member of one of its old and substantial families. He was born in Whetstone township, May 27, 1846, and is a son of John and Mary Ann (Kerr) Gibson.

John Gibson, who is now deceased, was born in Franklin county, Pa., and was a son of George and Mary (Buchannon) Gibson.



MRS. LETTA C. GIBSON



ANDREW H. GIBSON

For many years John Gibson was a farmer in Crawford county and died on his farm in Whetstone township. He married Mary Ann Kerr, who was also born in Franklin county, a daughter of Andrew and Margaret (Campbell) Kerr, old Pennsylvania families of Scotch extraction. To John Gibson and wife the following children were born: Margaret Ann, who married John Campbell; Hannah E., who was married (first) to A. R. Walker, and (second) to Peter Helfrick; Andrew Hetich; George B.; J. M., who is a physician engaged in medical practice in West Virginia; Mary Belle, who is deceased; and John Edwin, Charles E., Della J. and Leaffe L.

Andrew H. Gibson attended the district schools in Whetstone township and the Bucyrus High School for one term, afterward assisting his father on the home place and lived on the homestead until he was about 30 years of age. During this time he had served in the Civil War in Co. E, 136th O. Vol. Inf., and was out for 100 days. Farming and moderate stock raising have ever since engaged his attention and along this line he is considered one of the successful men of Whetstone township, his judgment in agricultural matters being generally accepted as the result of mature experience.

On April 18, 1877, Mr. Gibson was married to Miss Letta J. Campbell, who is a daughter of Edward and Amanda (Tupps) Campbell, and a granddaughter of John and Mary (Jones) Campbell. The parents of Mrs. Gibson were among the leading people of Whetstone township and it was from her father that Mrs. Gibson inherited her large estate, being the youngest daughter. Other members of her family were: Catherine, deceased, who was the wife of Franklin Keifer; Samuel K., who is deceased; and John B. To Mr. and Mrs. Gibson the following children were born: Iva May, who is the wife of J. A. Lowmiller and has three children—Roland A., Florence Helen and Earl Gibson; Mervin J., who married Anstie Sife, and has one daughter, Edith Carrie; Amanda Vianna, who is deceased; and Claud M., who resides at home. Mr. Gibson and family attend the Presbyterian church at Bucyrus. He is a Republican as was his father, and has served as a member of the township school board and as road supervisor.

LEROY McMICHAEL,* one of Whetstone township's well known and highly respected men, was born Sept. 19, 1874, on the farm on which he lives and of which he is half owner, 230 acres situated five miles east of Bucyrus, Crawford county, O. He is a son of John A. and Mary A. (Trimble) McMichael.

John A. McMichael and wife were both born in Crawford county, O., he in Liberty township and she on the present farm, the old Trimble homestead, which has been in the family since it was entered from the Government. John A. McMichael was a veteran of the Civil War, having served in Co. E, 101st O. Vol. Inf., afterward engaging in farming until his death, in April, 1901. He was quite prominent in local politics and was widely known. His widow survives and resides on East Mansfield Street, Bucyrus. They had the following children: Mary Jane, deceased, who was the wife of Frank E. Miller; Eugene T.; John Lawrence; Emma, deceased, who was the wife of Leonard F. Quaintance; Ernest Wayland; Leroy; Bessie, who lives with her mother; and Garfield and Oren A.

Leroy McMichael had school advantages in Whetstone township until he was about 20 years of age, attending mainly during the winters and assisting his father in the summers. He continues his agricultural activities during the growing season and in the winter time is mainly interested in contract work on turnpike roads and in street paving. He is a man of much energy and business enterprise and counts largely as a useful and dependable citizen. He is a Republican in politics but in local elections reserves the right to vote independently.

On May 19, 1898, Mr. McMichael was married to Miss Daisy L. Beck, a daughter of William and Sarah (Kelley) Beck, the former of whom, in life, was a farmer in Jefferson township, Crawford county, and the latter of whom lives at Leona, Mich. Mrs. McMichael has brothers and sisters as follows: Shannon, who is deceased; Verna, who is the wife of Mack Gledhill; Clark; Harold; Carrie, who is the wife of Orlo Charlton; and Elizabeth, who is the wife of Harry Middlebrook. Mr. and Mrs. McMichael have three sons: Ralph Emmett, who was born March 17, 1900; Harold

Glenn, who was born August 7, 1903; and Maurice Eldon, who was born June 7, 1906.

C. F. FIKE,* one of the leading business men of New Washington, conducting a plumbing, heating and lighting establishment and dealing in plumbing supplies, was born in Seneca county, O., Jan. 31, 1879, and is a son of David and Mary Fike, who now reside at New Washington.

After his school days were over, C. F. Fike made himself generally useful up to 1900, when he came to New Washington and learned his trade with S. J. Kible and remained with that firm for ten years, when he started into the plumbing business for himself with Thomas Klein as partner, under the firm name of Fike & Klein, which continued from June until January in the following year. Mr. Fike then operated under the firm name of C. F. Fike & Company in a general contracting business with one helper, in the Bordner Block until Nov. 1, 1911, when he secured his present large quarters which are well situated and equipped for the volume of business that he commands. Mr. Fike has been a member of the town council since January, 1912, a good, reliable, dependable business man, but is identified with no particular political party.

Mr. Fike married Miss Lydia Schwab, a daughter of Christian and Sarah Schwab, residents of Sulphur Springs, and they have six children: Elsworth, Helen, Odeal, Charles, Alice, and Ruth, the fourth in order of birth, who died in infancy. Mr. Fike and family are members of the Lutheran church. The family residence is on East Main Street.

JOHN B. SHUMAKER, a retired farmer residing in Galion, was born in Polk township Crawford county, O., Jan. 11, 1841. His parents were John and Lydia (Beltz) Shumaker, and he is a grandson of Jonas Shumaker, who at an early day came to this section from Pennsylvania, making the journey overland by team and accompanied by his family. This region was at that time entirely uncultivated and the Wyandot Indians were still residing here. For their meat supply the family depended largely, if not entirely, upon the wild game which fell before the pioneer's rifle. Jonas Shumaker died when 85 years

old, living long enough to see many changes and improvements in the county. His first wife had died in early life, and he was twice married subsequently.

John Shumaker, father of our subject, came to Ohio with his parents in the early thirties of the last century, and here, when arrived at years of maturity he married Lydia Beltz, beginning domestic life in Polk township. He was not, however, destined to long enjoy the fruits of his labors, as he died at the early age of 23 years, when his only son, John B., the subject of this sketch, was four months old.

John B. Shumaker was reared on a farm in Polk township. In addition to acquiring a competent knowledge of agriculture, he became a carpenter, but abandoned this latter trade after following it for a few years. He purchased his first land—a tract of 46 acres—in Polk township, where he resided for some years, or until the spring of 1911, when he retired from active labor and took up his residence in Galion. He owns land also in Whetstone township and has been successful in his business and agricultural operations. A Democrat in politics, he has held several local offices.

He was first married in Defiance county, to Catherine Dickerhoof, who was born in Defiance, O., June 11, 1840. She died in Galion in 1903. She was a member of the German Lutheran church. Of this marriage there were four children born, namely: Belle, wife of Allen Morrow, a farmer in Crawford county; Clara, wife of Michael Bair, a farmer of Bucyrus township; Mary, wife of Frank Tracht, also a Crawford county farmer; and Andy, who died unmarried when 26 years of age.

July 21, 1904, Mr. Shumaker married for his second wife, Jemima Kieffer, nee Beltz, who was born in Polk township, this county, and was here reared and educated. By a previous marriage to Charles Kieffer, now deceased, she had a daughter, Cora, who married and had a daughter, who is now Mrs. Bessie Filsinger. They all reside in Toledo and the Filsingers have a son, Levern. Mr. and Mrs. Shumaker attend the Lutheran church. They have many friends in Galion and elsewhere throughout the county and are

people of substance and worth—good neighbors and faithful to their duties in life.

F. L. KEMP, a leading citizen of Auburn township, Crawford county, O., formerly a justice of the peace for a period covered by ten years, resides on his valuable farm of 108 acres, which is situated in section 3, Auburn township. He was born in Venice township, Seneca county, O., May 3, 1859, a son of Thomas and Elizabeth E. (Moor) Kemp.

Thomas Kemp was reared in Seneca county and married there, the Moor family being among the earliest settlers. Nine children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Kemp and two sons saw service in the Civil War. F. L. Kemp was the sixth born in the family and is the only one living in Crawford county.

F. L. Kemp attended the district schools in Seneca county and afterward the Normal School at Ada, O., turning his attention then to teaching school, a profession he followed more or less continuously for 25 years, in Huron and Crawford counties. In 1885 he came to settle permanently in the latter county and was married to Miss Clara West, who was born on the present home farm in Auburn township, a daughter of H. A. and Ellen West. H. A. West was born also on this farm, a son of John and Elizabeth (McFarland) West, the former of whom was born in England and the latter in Scotland. Grandfather West secured this land and his deed, dated Aug. 6, 1834, was signed by Andrew Jackson, President of the United States. He died here but his widow survived until 1884 and died in Richland county, O. Mrs. Kemp was the third born of her parents' five children and is the only one living in Crawford county at the present time. Mr. and Mrs. Kemp have one son, Harry, who was born in Plymouth township, Richland county, Oct. 13, 1888. He has been thoroughly educated and after graduating from the Tiffin High School, took a course in civil engineering at the Tri-State College and then located at Winchester, Ind., where he follows his profession as civil engineer.

Since locating on this farm, Mr. Kemp has engaged in general agriculture and has done a large amount of improving. He has been a lifelong Republican and has frequently been

called to public office by his fellow citizens. He has served as a member of the school board of Auburn township and in every way has demonstrated his interest in his community which is a part of good citizenship.

Vera De Vall, when nine years old, was taken into the home of F. L. Kemp and was reared as carefully as his own child. She was educated in this township and is still regarded as one of the Kemp family. She was born Feb. 11, 1895. She was a daughter of Joseph and Jennie De Vall.

CURTIS J. BAKER, a prominent contractor and builder at Galion, O., is one of the successful self-made men of this city and one who commands the respect of the business world and enjoys the esteem of his fellow citizens in general. He was born in Morrow county, O., in May, 1866, and lost his parents when 13 years of age.

An orphan has fewer early opportunities than are afforded those in happier circumstances and while Curtis J. Baker had some educational opportunities at Blooming Grove, the necessity of earning his own living when only a boy in years, greatly curtailed his school attendance. On being questioned as to the main element that contributed to his success, he replied that when he had work to do he did it well, from boyhood to manhood. The terse reply explains the situation. For eight years he worked to learn the building trade, under M. B. Henderson, at Mt. Gilead, and after coming to Galion, in 1890, worked as a journeyman for eight years more and then went into the building and contracting business for himself. His good work may be pointed out in many parts of the city, a recent handsome structure being the Enquirer building. He has erected many of the handsome private residences, built the Ebenezer Methodist Episcopal church near Galion and at Crestline erected the Newman block and the parochial school and parish house. He erected his own handsome modern residence which stands at No. 336 South Market Street.

Mr. Baker was married at Bellville, in Richland county, to Miss Ada A. Grogg, who was born and educated in Morrow county, and died at Galion, March 12, 1911, when aged 35 years. She is survived by three sons: Fleet

L., Jay and Charles C. Mr. Baker was married second to Miss Myrtle Faine, who was born and reared in Crawford county. She is a member of the Baptist church, but Mr. Baker belongs to the United Brethren body. He is a Democrat in politics.

MICHAEL UHL, who is manager of the Uhl Hatchery, at New Washington, O., and widely known as a poultry raiser and fancier, was born in Cranberry township, Crawford county, July 30, 1871, and is a son of Jacob and Margaret (Nedolast) Uhl. Jacob Uhl came to New Washington in boyhood and his four sons all live in this place.

Poultry raising has been a successful industry on the Uhl farm since Michael Uhl was a boy. He is now associated with his brothers, George and Lawrence, in the poultry business which has assumed large proportions. In 1900 the firm of Uhl Brothers started the Uhl Hatchery in a small way, with one incubator, while their present plant covers five acres and has a 120,000 egg capacity in their three buildings. On an average from 30,000 to 35,000 chickens are hatched a week, all pure bred, of 18 different breeds and for these they get fancy prices, sometimes \$25 per hundred. Chick shipments are made by express, in specially prepared boxes, and they begin about Feb. 1st of each year to cover their territory which includes the New England states and as far south as Tennessee and Kentucky and as far west as Nebraska, their shipments closing about the first of September. This enterprise has been successful from the start and the business is constantly growing. Michael Uhl lives at the hatchery and employment is afforded eight girls and seven men.

Mr. Uhl married Miss Mamie Strausbaugh, a daughter of James and Eva Strausbaugh, former residents of Tiffin, O., but now of New Washington. Mr. and Mrs. Uhl have one son, Robert. They are members of the Roman Catholic church.

CHARLES EDLER, a retired farmer now living quietly at Galion, O., where he has very comfortable surroundings and many warm friends, was born near Heidelberg, Baden, Germany, June 24, 1830, a son of Martin and Margaret (Shrake) Edler.

For many generations the ancestors of Mr. Edler, lived and died in the province of Sinsbein, Germany. There Martin Edler followed mechanical pursuits during his active life, living to the great age of 95 years. His wife died when aged 53 years. Of their family of nine sons and three daughters, but two survive: Charles and a daughter, the latter a resident of Germany.

Charles Edler was the second born of his parents' children and attended school in his own province and when 18 years of age, fulfilled the law of the land by entering the German army. When released from this patriotic service, being then 21 years of age, he took passage on a steamer to Havre, and from there on a sailing vessel for America and 27 days later was landed at the port of New York. He came on to Crawford county, this being in 1852. Charles Edler secured farm work at which he continued for four years and then rented land for himself, subsequently purchasing a tract in Whetstone township. During the Civil War he sold his Crawford county land and bought 120 acres, situated in Tully township, Marion county, on which he lived for ten years and then returned to Crawford county and bought 120 acres in Jefferson township. This land he greatly improved and still owns, continuing his residence on it until March, 1904, when he retired to Galion. Although Mr. Edler has always been an interested citizen and law abiding in every particular, he has never desired public office, his political activity being covered by his vote, cast with the Republican party. He is one of the leading members of the Lutheran church at Galion.

On July 31, 1856, four years after reaching Crawford county, Mr. Edler was married to Miss Martha Beach, who was born within four miles of Galion, May 8, 1836, and has spent her life in this part of the county. Her parents, George and Mary (Zimmerneaker) Beach, were natives of Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany and came to the United States before marriage, both locating in Richland county, O., where they were subsequently married. The father was a carpenter by trade and assisted in the erection of many of the first frame houses in Richland county. He also was a coffin maker and on many occasions he would

carry the completed coffin on his back to the house of bereavement. The Beach family experienced and overcame all the ordinary hardships of pioneer life. The father died in October, 1862, his birth having taken place in February, 1812. When Mrs. Beach died in 1840, two children survived her: Mrs. Edler and a son, John, who resides in Marion county. Twelve children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Edler, three of whom died in infancy and one daughter, Irena, at the age of 17 years. The survivors are as follows: Amelia, who is the wife of William Ricker, residing at Bucyrus; Mary, who is the wife of Samuel Ickhorn, a farmer living in this county, and has two sons; Katie, who is the widow of Levi Smith, who lives at Galion and has one son; Amanda, who is the wife of Henry Ise, and lives at Newcastle, Pa.; Edward, a resident of Galion, who has one son; George, who is a musician, and with his two sons are leaders of a band at Galion; Maggie, who is the wife of William Dickerhoof, and lives at Bucyrus, having three children; and Karl, who resides with his family, at Galion. Mr. Edler has witnessed many changes take place since he first came to Crawford county and his recollections of early days are very interesting.

JOSEPH PIFHER, whose fine farm of 135 acres is situated in section 6, Auburn township, Crawford county, O., is one of the well known citizens of this section and is a veteran of the great Civil War. He was born in Thompson township, Seneca county, O., Aug. 7, 1842, and is a son of Mathias and Otella (Zenk) Pifher.

The father of Mr. Pifher sold his farm of 20 acres in Seneca county and then bought 62 acres in Cranberry township, Crawford county, which, at that time was all swamp and woodland. With the help of his son the father cleared and improved the place and lived there until his death, at the age of 86 years and three months. He was a member of St. Mary's Catholic church at North Auburn. The mother of Mr. Pifher died in her 80th year and she also was a faithful member of the Catholic church.

Joseph Pifher did not have many advantages in his youth as he was obliged to assist his father and as soon as old enough he learned

the carpenter trade, mastering every detail so that all kinds of carpenter work came easy to him. He assisted to build the largest hotel at New Washington, O., and continued to follow his trade for 21 years. During the Civil War he served almost one year as a member of Co. F, 64th O. Vol. Inf. Mr. Pifher was ten years old when his parents moved to Cranberry township and he lived there until marriage, since when he has resided on his present place in Auburn township, and has made many improvements here.

Mr. Pifher was married Feb. 22, 1870, to Miss Elizabeth Dewitt, who was born on the present farm, a daughter of Alfred and Sarah (Frey) Dewitt. The father of Mrs. Pifher was of German extraction, while the mother was born in Pennsylvania. She was a child when her parents moved to Ohio and spent the remainder of her life here. To Mr. and Mrs. Pifher three children were born, namely: Charles, who married Frances Forquer and has had three children, two of whom survive—Clarence and Grover—and who resides on the home farm and assists his father; Rose, who is the wife of Charles Mann; and Mary, who is the wife of Peter Alt, who lives in Auburn township. Mr. Pifher and family are members of St. Mary's Catholic church. He is a good citizen and in every public matter acts for the general welfare, but he casts an independent vote.

GEORGE J. DIETRICH, deceased, was born at Shippensburg, Pa., in 1837, a son of Philip and Margaret Dietrich, who were natives of Pennsylvania but of German ancestry. They were good people and belonged to the German Lutheran church.

George J. Dietrich was an only son but there were two daughters, both of whom married dukes. Mr. Dietrich grew to manhood in his native section and about the close of the Civil War, embarked in the hardware business and continued until 1874, when he disposed of it and came to Galion, O. Here he established the hardware store with which he was connected for so many years and in this city became a well known citizen and successful business man, acquiring valuable property in real estate and securing the confidence of his fellow citizens. His death occurred March 7,

1904. Although thoroughly in sympathy with all public movements that meant progress and reform and never failing to give support to the Republican party, he never consented to accept any public office for himself. In his fraternal connections he was a Mason and an Odd Fellow.

Mr. Dietrich was married at Shippensburg, Pa., to Miss Josephine Boher, who was born, reared and educated there, and is a daughter of Samuel and Mary (Pague) Boher.* The parents of Mrs. Dietrich were of German extraction but were born in Pennsylvania. The father was a cooper by trade and for many years conducted a large cooperage plant at Shippensburg, where whisky and flour and oil barrels were manufactured. He died in 1895, when aged 78 years, his widow surviving until 1904, when then being aged 81 years. They attended the German Reformed church. Mr. Boher was a Democrat. Of their 13 children there are four sons and three daughters living, Mrs. Dietrich being the only one, however, who resides in Ohio, her residence being situated at No. 231 Boston Street, Galion.

Five children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Dietrich, two of whom, Harry and Clarence, died in early childhood. Mary, the eldest daughter, is the wife of Harry W. Brown, a commercial traveler, and they reside at Logan, O., and have one son, Clarence Mert, who is a registered pharmacist, a graduate of the Ohio Southern University at Columbus. Myrtle, who is the widow of Frank Dehn, lives with her mother. Josephine is the wife of William O'Neil, a hardware merchant of Columbus, O. Mrs. Dietrich is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church as was Mr. Dietrich.

JAMES WILLIAM MILLER,* a well known member of the Bucyrus bar and for six years secretary of the Bucyrus Loan and Building Association, an important enterprise of this section, was born at Bucyrus, Aug. 5, 1878, and has always maintained his home in his native city.

The grandparents of Mr. Miller were Joseph and Sarah (Henry) Miller, and while they were of Scotch extraction they were born in Londonderry, Ireland. They married and lived there until 1844, when, with their three

children, they crossed the Atlantic Ocean to Canada and established themselves in Stratford, Ontario, and both died on their farm there, the grandmother in 1895 and the grandfather in 1905, he being then in his 92nd year. They were members of the Presbyterian church. They had six sons and three daughters born to them, some of whom still reside in Canada, while others are residents of the United States.

John Robert Miller, the eldest son, was born in Ireland, Nov. 13, 1839, and was about eight years old when his parents came to Canada, where he grew to manhood and assisted his father in farming and dealing in horses. As his father's representative he came to Ohio for the purpose of buying horses to send to Canada, and on one of his numerous visits he met Miss Mary E. McKinstry, who was then a teacher at Bucyrus. She was born Jan. 28, 1849, in Marion county, O., and still survives, residing at No. 856 South Sandusky Street, Bucyrus, which city has been her home for 50 years. She is a daughter of James and Rebecca (Garberson) McKinstry, the former of whom was born in Pennsylvania, June 18, 1811, and in 1831 came to Knox county, O. He was of Scotch ancestry while his wife was of German extraction. In 1861 they moved to Bucyrus, where Mr. McKinstry died in 1902, the death of his wife having occurred in 1869. They were members of the Presbyterian church. Three of their children are yet living, namely: Amanda, who is the wife of T. F. Shotwell, who is an attorney at Detroit, Mich.; Mathew, who is in the real estate business in Colorado, and who married Katherine Mealer and has one daughter, Myrtle Amanda; and Mrs. Miller. On May 5, 1874, John R. Miller was married to Mary E. McKinstry and then came to Bucyrus to live, establishing himself in the lumber, carpenter and building business. His death was caused by an accident, on Aug. 21, 1884, he being injured on his father-in-law's farm by some Jersey cattle. His children all survive. Gertrude, who was born June 7, 1878, is the widow of Frank W. Cory and resides at Cleveland, O. James William is the second born. Sarah, who was born in December, 1880, married G. M. Meridith, of Indiana, and he is now a book-keeper with the American Clay Machinery

Company, at Bucyrus. John Robert, Jr., who was born May 23, 1884, is a civil engineer on the West Division of the Ohio Central Railroad, with headquarters at Columbus.

After completing the High School course at Bucyrus, James William Miller entered the law department of the Ohio State University at Columbus, where he was graduated in 1901 and was admitted to the Ohio bar. He has been interested in the Bucyrus Loan and Building Association since its organization in February, 1887. Its present officers are: W. F. Barth, president; Frank L. Hopley, vice president; George C. Gormley, treasurer; and James William Miller, secretary. The business is capitalized at \$200,000, and the company operates mainly in Crawford county.

Mr. Miller was married at Bucyrus to Miss Edith Tapling, who was born June 23, 1880, at Lindsay, England, and was two years old when she was brought to Bucyrus by her parents, Francis E. and Elizabeth (Rose) Tapling. They reside at Bucyrus, the father being a carpenter by trade. Mrs. Miller graduated from the Bucyrus High School in 1898 and was a successful and popular teacher previous to her marriage. They have one daughter, Elizabeth Mary, who was born June 11, 1910. They are active members of the Presbyterian church. Mr. Miller belongs to the Masonic Blue Lodge, Chapter and Council, at Bucyrus, and for six years was secretary of the Blue Lodge, and also is past chancellor of Demas Lodge, No. 108, Knights of Pythias.

D. M. PEPPARD, one of the retired engineers of the Pennsylvania system, residing at Crestline, O., may be numbered with the old railway men of the State as his connection with railroading began in 1853, about the time the Pennsylvania line was completed to this place, then known as the Ohio & Pennsylvania. He was born near Crestline, Dec. 25, 1834, and has always lived in or near this city, a son of Francis and Mary A. (Morrison) Peppard.

Francis Peppard was born in Pennsylvania and in 1831 came to near Mansfield, O., where he married Mary A. Morrison, who was of Irish extraction, her people being pioneers in Richland county. After marriage Mr. and Mrs. Peppard lived mainly at Crestline, where

his death occurred when almost 78 years of age, she having passed away at the early age of 36 years. They were of the Methodist faith, worthy people in every relation of life. Their family consisted of two sons and three daughters, all of whom survive, are married and have families.

D. M. Peppard was the eldest born of his parents' children and soon after his school days in 1853 went to work in the yards of the old Ohio & Pennsylvania Railroad; and in 1854 was made a fireman and in 1859 was promoted to the position of engineer, first on freight trains and after more experience, a passenger engineer. From 1873 until 1882 he had charge of the round house at Crestline and in the latter year was promoted to be a master mechanic, a position he filled until 1891, having had charge of Division B of the Eastern lines and control of the lines from Toledo to Crestline. In 1892 he took an engine again and continued until 1897, when he became an engine shifter, which place of responsibility he held until his age retirement, Sept. 1, 1902. In Feb. 1893, Mr. Peppard met with a serious accident in a collision between Perrysville and Leonardsville, resulting in injuries that confined him to his home for seven months, and this, with one other, were the only disastrous ones in his long career and neither were because of any lack of care or caution on his part for he was known to have a thorough knowledge of every signal used in the service and to be unusually observant of every detail of his work.

At Crestline Mr. Peppard was married to Miss Maria A. Huffman, who was born in Knox county, O. and was four years old when her parents, Nathan and Electa (Parrott) Huffman, came to Crestline. Mr. Huffman was born in Ohio and his wife in New Jersey. After marriage he engaged in work at the blacksmith trade and engaged in farming. He was born in 1813 and died at Crestline in 1870, while his widow survived until 1900. They were members of the Methodist Episcopal church. Sixteen children were born to them, Mrs. Peppard being the second in order of birth, and ten of these grew to mature years, and eight married and have families of their own.

Eight children were born to Mr. and Mrs.

Peppard, as follows: Mary, who is the wife of George Welshons, a farmer in Crawford county and has two children; Kate, who married E. West, who is connected with the Tube Works at Shelby, O., and has three children; Frank, who died at the age of 26 years, survived by a widow and one child; William E., a merchant at Marysville, O., who married Lillian Gardner and has six children; Grant, who resides with his wife and seven children at Shelby, O.; Edwin, who owns a claim on which he resides, in Mexico; Harry, who died as the result of an accident when 39 years of age; and Samuel, who is a house decorator and still lives with his parents. Mr. Peppard and family are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. In politics he is a Republican but has never accepted public office. He is a member of the F. & A. M., at Crestline; and is a charter member of Division No. 306, formerly No. 8, Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and in 1866 was a delegate to a convention of this body.

RENO R. SEERY, general farmer and one of the representative citizens of Lykens township, Crawford county, O., who is operating 156 acres of land for his father, which is the old homestead on which he was born June 2, 1872, and is a son of Jacob and Lavinia (Coon) Seery.

Jacob Seery was born in Ross county, O., and during his active life carried on farming. He has always been a Republican in his political views and a prominent man of his section. He married Lavinia Coon, who was born in Canada, and four children were born to them: Alvaro, who is deceased; D. B.; L. M. D., who is now deceased; and Reno R.

Reno R. Seery attended the public schools in boyhood and before he took upon himself his present responsibilities, traveled all through the West, visiting points of interest and having a very enjoyable pleasure trip. He is a progressive, well informed agriculturist, successfully cultivating the land and raising some excellent stock. Sugar making is also one of the farm industries, a fine grove of sugar maples being on the farm.

Mr. Seery was married Sept. 18, 1891, to Miss Caroline Heinlen, a daughter of Henry and Elizabeth (Auck) Heinlen, who were substantial and respected people of Holmes town-

ship and parents of three children; Emanuel, Clara and Caroline. To Mr. and Mrs. Seery a son was born, Orlo Dale, who died when six months old. They are members of the United Brethren church. Politically he is a Republican and has served several terms on the school board. He is a member of the Grange at Brokensword and of the K. O. T. M. at the same place.

EDWIN G. BEAL, cashier of the First National Bank of Bucyrus and an official who has had much to do with the prosperity of this institution was born near Bucyrus on his father's farm Sept. 1, 1876. He is a son of Benjamin and Lydia (Rexroth) Beal both of whom were members of prominent pioneer families of this community.

Edwin G. Beal was graduated from the Bucyrus High School in 1893. In the same year he became assistant to his father in the office of the Crawford county Farmer's Mutual Fire Insurance Company of which company his father was then secretary. Upon the death of his father in March, 1898, he was appointed secretary of this company which position he filled acceptably until the end of the company's fiscal year. In 1896 he began his training in practical banking in the Second National Bank of Bucyrus being made assistant cashier of that institution in January, 1898. In September, 1898, he entered the Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware, O., where he was graduated from the classical course in 1901 with his A. B. degree. From this institution he received the A. M. degree in 1904. After his graduation from the Ohio Wesleyan University he entered the senior class of the Law School at Ohio State University in September, 1901, from which institution he was graduated in 1902 with the degree of LL. B. In June, 1902, Mr. Beal was admitted to the bar of Ohio. After completing his education he accepted a position with the First National Bank of Bucyrus and continued until January, 1903, when he was elected assistant cashier of the bank. In November, 1901, Mr. Beal was appointed cashier of the same institution and has continued in this important position ever since, being now also a member of the Board of Directors of the bank.

On Sept. 20, 1911, Mr. Beal married Miss

Rachel Monnett, who was born at Bucyrus, was graduated from the Bucyrus High School and later from the Cincinnati School of Oratory. Mrs. Beal is favorably known as an elocutionist, having frequently appeared in public and on many occasions has given entertainments for charitable purposes. She is a daughter of Abram C. and Jane (Walwork) Monnett, a granddaughter of Col. William Monnett and a great-granddaughter of Isaac Monnett, who came to Crawford county in 1828. Since its establishment in Ohio the Monnett family has been prominent in the affairs of the communities in which they have lived.

Mr. and Mrs. Beal are interested members of the Methodist Episcopal church and both are active and appreciated workers in the Sunday School, Mr. Beal at present being its Superintendent. Mr. Beal is a member of the Phi Kappa Psi college fraternity. Mrs. Beal is a member of Hannah Crawford Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution.

E. C. ASSENHEIMER, merchant tailor, one of the prosperous and representative business men of Crestline, O., who established his present store in 1906, has been connected with tailoring interests here, however, since 1895. He was born at Bucyrus, O., in 1872, and is a son of Christian and Bertha (Marggraf) Assenheimer.

Christian Assenheimer was born in the city of New York, Aug. 12, 1834, his parents being Germans. As a young man he came to Bucyrus and has ever since lived in Crawford county, being now in his 78th year. He married Bertha Marggraf, who was born in Germany in 1838, but has spent the greater part of her life in Crawford county. They are faithful members of the German Lutheran church. Eight children were born to them, seven of these still surviving.

E. C. Assenheimer was reared on a farm and attended the public schools prior to learning his trade, at Crestline, after which he worked at his trade and for three years was in partnership in the merchant tailoring business with Jacob Sutz. In 1906, Mr. Assenheimer embarked in business for himself and has a commodious store well situated, the dimensions of which are 80x16 feet, on Railroad

Avenue. He carries a large stock of both foreign and domestic goods and has every facility for doing a first class business in his line. He has a wide city acquaintance and his patronage comes from the most fastidious class. Like his father, Mr. Assenheimer has always been a staunch Democrat. Mr. Assenheimer is unmarried.

JAMES B. GORMLY, president of the First National Bank, of Bucyrus, O., and for years identified with numerous very important business enterprises of this section, has been connected with this financial institution since its organization, and has been at its head for a period of 53 years. He was born at Bucyrus, Nov. 23, 1836, and is a son of John A. and Louisa (Bowman) Gormly.

John A. Gormly was born at Pittsburg, Pa., July 19, 1804, a son of John and Elizabeth (Gill) Gormly, the ancestry being Irish on the paternal side and Scotch on the maternal. John A. Gill, the maternal grandfather, served in the War of the Revolution. In 1830 John A. Gormly removed from Pittsburg to Brownsville, Pa., where he embarked and continued in a mercantile business until 1836, when he moved to Bucyrus and conducted a store on Sandusky Avenue. He was a man of excellent business perception and his foresight was shown in his acquisition of much property, both in the growing town and in the adjacent region, and in addition to his subsequent holdings in city realty, he had 1,000 acres of land which became valuable for farming purposes. He established one of the earliest financial institutions here, founding the Peoples' Deposit Bank, in 1859, in association with his son, James B. Gormly, and continued the same until he found the time ripe for still broader business dealings, and in 1864 organized the First National Bank of Bucyrus. His business acumen and sterling honesty contributed to the success of this institution as they had to his other undertakings, and he continued at the head of this bank until the time of his death, which occurred May 8, 1878. He was a ruling elder in the Presbyterian church and served in public capacities at important conventions of this religious body, both in Ohio and in other parts of the country. In 1833 he married Louisa Bowman,

who died May 6, 1872. They had three children: James B., George C. and Mary L., the last named becoming the wife of Rev. James G. D. Findley.

James B. Gormly was educated at Bucyrus and continued at school until he was 17 years of age, when his uncle, James P. Bowman, offered him a clerkship in his mercantile store, and he remained there for one year. Later he entered Bartlett's Commercial College, at Cincinnati, where he was graduated in 1856, and then became bookkeeper and teller of the Exchange Bank at Bucyrus, where he gained his first banking experience. He continued there until 1859, when he became associated with his father in financial affairs, which, under careful and conservative management, developed into enterprises of vast importance. Mr. Gormly's name and activities have been of great value to many other business concerns. He served for some years officially with the Gas and Electric Light Company of Bucyrus and later as president of the Bucyrus Water Company; in 1893 was made and served as assignee of the estate of the late Governor Foster, of Ohio; from 1871 until 1875 was secretary and treasurer of the Ohio Central Railroad Company; and was one of the organizers of what is now known as the American Clay Working Machinery Company, of which he also served as treasurer. In local affairs, where the public welfare is a matter of concern, Mr. Gormly has never failed to perform a good citizen's duty, and has served on many charitable boards and has liberally contributed to benevolent movements.

In 1859 Mr. Gormly was married to Miss E. Virginia Swingly, a daughter of Dr. Frederick and Mary (Demman) Swingly, and two daughters and one son have been born to them: Ella K., who became the wife of F. S. Monnett, of Columbus, O., a prominent public man, once attorney-general of the state; Susan E., who became the wife of W. H. Pickering, a representative business man of Bucyrus; and James B., who is now deceased. Mr. Gormly and family attend the Presbyterian church and they are people of social importance, not only at Bucyrus, but also at the state capital and in other cities.

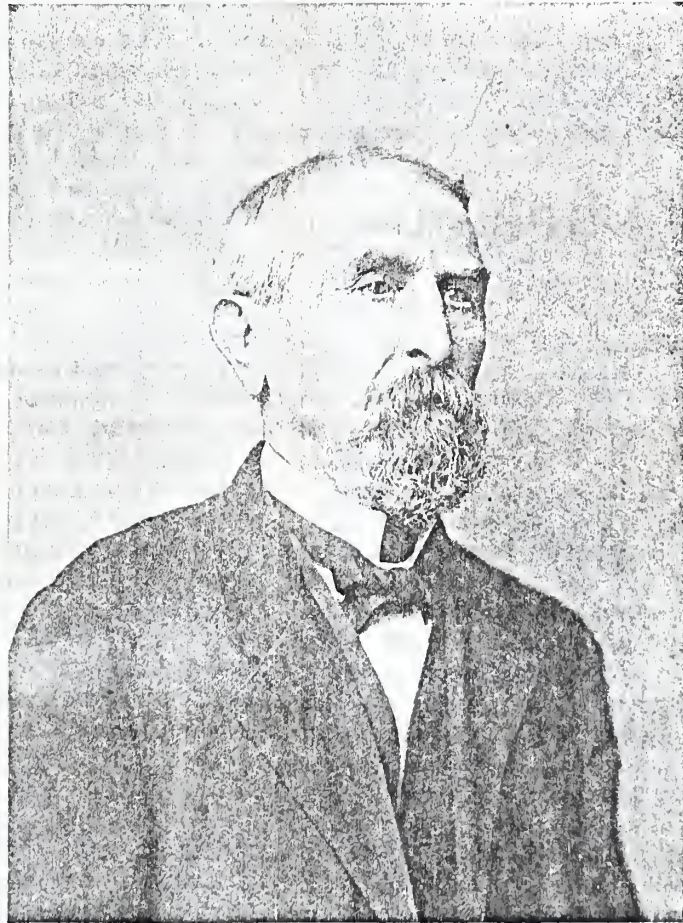
JAMES SOWASH, general manager of the Crestline Pump Works, very important

business enterprise of Crestline, O., one that is well financed and ably officered, was born at Mansfield, O., in the spring of 1872, where he was educated.

Mr. Sowash has been in his present line of business since he was 19 years of age and after learning his trade was foreman for some years for the Humphrey Company of Mansfield and afterward, for seven years, was with the Barnes Manufacturing Company of the same city, coming from there to Crestline in 1903, when the Crestline Pump Works business was started. This company has officers as follows: Judge Daniel Babst, president and a director; Jacob Babst, treasurer and a director; John H. Warden, secretary; and James Sowash, general manager. In addition Mr. Sowash has been chief designer of all the pumps, which include 250 varieties, manufactured by this company. Additional directors of the company are: J. W. Ross, who is also vice president; Jacob Flowers, Abraham Seib, R. M. Taylor, and John H. Warden, all men of capital and high business standing. They manufacture and handle as jobbers all water supply goods and utensils and in addition to manufacturing hand, power and spray pumps, they cast sinks, traps, brackets, etc. The plant is extensive, 135 pumps alone being turned out per day, and employment is afforded 65 skilled men. In advancing the interests of his house, Mr. Sowash displays those enterprising qualities which mark the successful American business man all over the world.

Mr. Sowash was married at Mansfield, O., to Miss Alice Burns, who was born and reared there and their one son, Russell, now 16 years of age, is a student in the Crestline High School. Mr. and Mrs. Sowash are members of the Presbyterian church. Politically Mr. Sowash is a Republican and fraternally belongs to the order of Knights of Pythias, the Blue Lodge at Crestline and Council and Chapter at Mansfield.

ALBE MOE, vice president of the Home Savings & Loan Company, at Galion, O., of which city he is a leading business man, was born at French Creek, Lorain county, O., May 22, 1840, and is a son of Husted and Hannah Moe and a descendant of an old French family that came to the United States very early, set-



ALBE MOE

ting in Vermont before the Revolutionary War.

Husted Moe was born in Genesee county, N. Y., and was young in years when the family settled in what was then the wilderness of Lorain county, O. He engaged in farming and later conducted a stage route hotel at French Creek. His death occurred in 1850, when aged about 45 years. He married Hannah Moe, who was born also in New York and was a daughter of Isaac Moe, who engaged in farming near French Creek. Both he and wife lived into extreme old age. Mrs. Husted Moe survived her husband for many years, being aged almost 89 years at the time of her death. She was a devoted member of the Baptist church. Of her five children four lived to maturity and all married and had children.

Albe Moe was reared and attended school at French Creek. He and his older brother, Perry Moe, who still survives and resides at Cleveland, entered the Union Army in May, 1861, the latter enlisting while Albe became a teamster and after one year in the transporting department, became team foreman in the commissary department and later was made assistant superintendent of the horse corrals at Washington, D. C. Mr. Moe has a record of sending out more than 25,000 horses during the time this important assisting office to the efficiency of the Government was in his charge. After the war was over he was tendered a position in the quartermaster's department but by that time he was tired of war and its trappings and a home in the North, amid peaceful surroundings appealed to him and finally he located at Galion and for some years afterward was in the restaurant business here. Afterward he began to deal in real estate and carry insurance risks and subsequently entered politics and served in the city council in 1888-9. In 1890 he was appointed city appraiser and in 1892 was elected mayor; in 1894 was elected county commissioner and served six years in that office. In 1900 he was made a member of the city board of Review, a position he has continued to fill, being remarkably well qualified for the same. He was one of the organizers of the Home Loan & Savings Company, with a capital of \$2,000,000, of which he is a director and for the past 11 years has been vice president. Mr. Moe has been exceedingly

active along many lines and has so conducted his undertakings that they have been successful.

At Galion, O., Mr. Moe was married to Miss Sarah C. Blossier, who has always lived in Crawford county and is a daughter of David and Leah (Rex) Blossier, who came from Pennsylvania and settled in Vernon township, Crawford county. One son, Ralph, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Moe, but he died early. Mr. Moe is a Democrat in politics.

JACOB F. ROSS, one of the leading citizens of Lykens township, Crawford county, O., where his valuable farm of 119 acres is situated, was born in this township, Sept. 4, 1871, and is a son of Peter and Elizabeth (Schimpf) Ross.

Peter Ross and wife were both born in Germany and he yet survives and resides on his farm in Lykens township. She passed away in 1911. They had the following children born to them: Philip, who is deceased; Jacob F.; Charles; Matilda, who is the wife of Chirstian Brown; Adam; Christian; Henry; and Martha, who is the wife of Jacob Kalb.

Jacob F. Ross attended the district schools when he was a boy and ever since then has given a large part of his time to general farming, prior to his marriage working by the month but since then has operated his own land. He is a practical, industrious man, not given to experimenting but rather keeping to methods which he has proved to be sensible and safe, and is recognized as one of the successful agriculturists of this section.

In 1884, Mr. Ross was married to Miss Anna Shafer, a daughter of Valentine and Elizabeth (Schaaf) Shafer, formerly farming people in Chatfield township but now living retired in Chatfield village. The parents of Mrs. Ross had the following children: Catherine; William Leonard; Mary, who was married (first) to Benjamin Zucker, and (second) to Daniel Koch; Anna, who became Mrs. Ross; Sophia, who is the wife of Albert Hartchue; Henry; Arlena, who is the wife of Harrison Kibler; and Frank, George and Harvey.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross have one daughter, Marie. They are members of the Lutheran

church. In politics Mr. Ross is a Democrat and has served as supervisor of Lykens township.

REV. A. H. SCHRIENER, pastor of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church at Galion, O., has been an active and earnest worker in his present field for a number of years and has been permitted to witness both spiritual and material growth in his congregation as a compensating result. Father Schriener was scarcely 18 years of age when he entered St. Mary's Seminary, at Cleveland, O., completing his classical course at St. John's College, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Father Schriener was appointed assistant priest at St. Peter's, Cleveland, later was pastor of the Immaculate Conception Church at Port Clinton, Ottawa county, O., where he remained two years and then had charge of the Catholic church at Bowling Green, O., for four and one-half years, coming from there to Galion in January, 1899. St. Joseph's German Roman Catholic Church organization is one of the oldest in the city, having been founded in 1854 and ever since has been administered to by a regular priest. At present Father Schriener has a congregation of 500 souls and the flourishing parochial school has 85 pupils. He is deeply beloved by his own people and commands the respect of the citizens of Galion, irrespective of religious faith, who recognize his spiritual influence and his zeal in the cause of Christianity.

WILLIAM W. BUCK,* chief clerk of a division of the railway mail service, is a well trained and experienced man in his line and in January, 1905, was appointed chief clerk of the Pittsburg, Port Wayne & Chicago Division on the Pennsylvania road, his jurisdiction covering a wide territory, with office at Crestline, O. He was born at Philadelphia, Pa., in February, 1855, where he was reared and was graduated from the High School.

In his native city Mr. Buck was appointed a postal clerk, and has been in the Government service for 23 years, serving with efficiency in every department into which he was promoted, his first run being between

Pittsburg and Chicago. The work of the Crestline office, as above stated, covers a wide territory, there being 260 postal clerks under its direction. When he was appointed to his present position he succeeded W. L. Poe, who became assistant superintendent with headquarters at Cincinnati. Mr. Buck has been very loyal to both employers and comrades and is justly held in high esteem. He is prominent in Masonry, belonging to Blue Lodge, No. 272, at Crestline, and to Chapter No. 88 of this city, being treasurer of both branches; belongs to the Commandery at Mansfield and the Shrine at Dayton.

In the city of Philadelphia, Mr. Buck was married to Miss Sara K. Hayes, who was born at Camden, N. J., and at that time was a successful teacher in the public schools. Mr. and Mrs. Buck have one daughter, Leah M., who graduated in music from the Wesleyan University, at Delaware, O., in the class of 1912. Mr. Buck and family are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. He is a Republican in his political affiliation.

GEORGE J. STRAUCH, one of the representative men in the hardware line at Crestline, O., a member of the firm of Strauch Bros., the oldest hardware dealers in this city, with commodious quarters on the corner of Main and Seltzer Streets, was born in Richland county, O., Aug. 19, 1862, a son of Conrad and Elizabeth (Lippert) Strauch.

Christian Strauch, the grandfather, was born in 1802 in Germany, and in 1848 came to America with his family and settled in what is now Crawford, then Richland county, O., where he and wife died, about 1888, having been farmers ever since coming to Ohio.

Conrad Strauch was born in Bavaria, Germany, and was 14 years of age when his parents came to the United States and had followed agricultural pursuits ever since. In politics he is a Democrat and was reared in the German Reformed faith. He married Elizabeth Lippert, who was born and reared in Ohio, of German parentage. They died of cholera, in Anglaize county, O., when she was two years old. Mrs. Strauch still survives, the mother of ten children, eight of whom survive and seven of these have married.

George J. Strauch was two years old when his parents came to Crawford county, where he was reared and educated and later followed the carpenter trade for 15 years, when he went into the hardware business with his brother, Michael Strauch. The latter is a graduate of a business college at Ada, O., and is bookkeeper for the present firm and serving in his second term as city clerk. In 1892 George J. and Michael Strauch embarked in their present business, succeeding a Mr. Frye, which business was founded by Mr. Frenkel in 1862. They have commodious quarters, their main store having dimensions of 160x22 feet and additionally have two warehouses for storage and exhibition of buggies and farm wagons. They carry a full line of heavy and shelf hardware, tin roofing and do gas and sanitary plumbing, carrying all supplies.

George J. Strauch was married in Crawford county to Miss Sarah E. Schwarer, who was born in Vernon township, in 1864, a daughter of Jacob Schwarer, and the following children have been born to them: Estella, who is the wife of Charles Pry and lives at Crestline, having one son, Harold; Erie E., who was educated in the Crestline schools and Wooster University, and who is a teacher in the public schools; Frank B., who is a clerk for his father; Clarence J., a student at Wooster University, who is agent for the Cleveland Press, at Crestline; and Ruth, Eleanor M., Alvin and Jacob, all at home. Michael Strauch is unmarried. Both brothers belong to the Knights of Pythias and the latter also to the Elks. They are Democrats politically and for some years George J. has been a township trustee and a member of the school board. In their various business relations and in public office, both men command the respect and have the confidence of their fellow citizens.

REV. G. M. SCHMITZ, first resident pastor of St. Mary's Catholic Church, at North Auburn, Crawford county, O., was born at Luftelberg, Germany, Sept. 13, 1880, a son of Joseph and Margaret (Welter) Schmitz. The parents of Father Schmitz were born in Germany and the father died there when his son was nine years old. The

mother came to America in 1906 and resides with Father Schmitz at North Auburn.

St. Mary's Catholic Church, like other congregations, was developed from a mission and attained its present standing and importance through the zealous Christian efforts of its priests and the generosity of its faithful members. It was in the spring of 1879 that the Catholics living in the neighborhood of Waynesburg, O., called a meeting to endeavor to make some plans whereby services could be held on Sunday and a Sunday-school started nearer than New Washington, to reach which place was often a tax on both sick and well. The decision was to erect a suitable building, hence arose a frame structure on a corner of the old Faeth farm and from 1880-81 Rev. Amadeus Dambach was pastor of what was the beginning of St. Mary's Church. He was called away in the summer of 1881 and the church was then made a mission of the New Washington Church and from 1881 to 1888, Rev. Laurence Heiland administered to the two congregations. The summer of 1888 brought Rev. George Vogt, who, while serving as priest inaugurated many improvements and it was during his term as pastor that the church was frescoed and the stained glass windows replaced the old plain glass panes, Father Vogt donating one window and Father Horstman another. In 1899 Rev. Vogt left for a larger field and Rev. John Kummert took charge of the church at New Washington and the mission of St. Mary's and during his administration a basement was dug and the building equipped with a furnace, the roofs of both church and priest's house were slated and the church tower, which had formerly been too high for safety, was somewhat lowered.

On July 5, 1906, the members of St. Mary's heard the welcome news that they were to have a resident priest, a favor they had long besought of the Bishop, and Rev. G. M. Schmitz was sent and as been in charge ever since. He met with a hearty reception from the majority of his parish, although there were a few who doubted, at that time, the financial ability of the congregation to give adequate support, but long since then all these fears have been dispelled and the parish is in an exceedingly prosperous condition. He

has not only looked carefully after the spiritual welfare of his people but has been a wise executive and the improvements that have been brought about under his direction and encouragement, have added greatly to the value of the property. Under his fostering care various church organizations have become a part of St. Mary's life. The Christian Mother Society was canonically established with the sanction of the Rt. Rev. Bishop Horstman and a membership of 37 enrolled. In May, 1907, the young ladies and young men of the parish were enrolled into the Sodality of B. M. V. under the name of St. Agnes Sodality and St. Aloysius Sodality, respectively. At different times eloquent members of the Catholic clergy have visited the parish and have carried away good reports.

Father Schmitz has about 60 families in his parish and also supplies St. Anthony's Church, which he organized three years since. In connection with St. Mary's there is a successful parochial school. The church owns two and one-half acres of land, which is conveniently located and on which stands the church, the priest's house and the cemetery. Father Schmitz is one of the younger members of the Catholic clergy in this section and is a man of scholarly attainments. He was educated in Europe and completed his theological studies at Washington, D. C., and was ordained at Baltimore, Md., Dec. 17, 1904, by Cardinal Gibbons. Prior to coming to St. Mary's he was in charge at Cleveland, O.

BURT E. PLACE, general manager for the firm of E. M. Freese & Co., Brick, Tile and Fire Proofing machinery manufacturers at Galion, O., has been identified with this concern for 23 consecutive years. He was born Sept. 7, 1870, at Grand Rapids, Mich., and is a son of Rev. Horace Place. The family is of old New England stock and Rev. Horace Place was born in Vermont. From there, in early manhood he came to Ohio, where he worked at the trade of cabinetmaking and later became a preacher in the Methodist Episcopal body, in which work he continued for 30 years, his death occurring at Cleveland, O. He was married while in

charge of a church in Michigan, and his wife died in Shelby county, O. Of their family three yet survive.

Burt E. Place was educated at Bellevue, O., and attended school also at other points where his father was located. When he first entered the business house with which he has ever since been identified, it was in a minor position and through ability, intelligence and fidelity he has steadily advanced and not only is indispensable to the firm of E. M. Freese & Co., but is also interested in other business enterprises which indicate his reliability as a citizen and business man. He is vice president of the First National Bank of Galion and a member of its board of directors.

Mr. Place was married at Plymouth, O., to Miss Mabel Swope, and they have three children: Lawrence, Margaret and Horace. The eldest son is employed in the First National Bank in this city. Mr. Place and family attend the Methodist Episcopal church. He is identified with a number of the leading fraternal organizations and belongs to committees appointed to promote commercial progress, and, with other leading men accepts the responsibility of citizenship along the line of charity and benevolence.

BENJAMIN HEFFELFINGER, deceased, was one of the early business men and prominent and useful citizens of Crestline, O. He was born in Washington township, Richland county, O., Dec. 26, 1833, and died at his home in Crestline, Dec. 30, 1908. He was a son of Jacob and Esther (Lime) Heffelfinger.

Jacob Heffelfinger and wife were of German ancestry and Pennsylvania parentage. Soon after marriage, about 1820 they came to Ohio and settled on wild land in Washington township, Richland county, securing 40 acres, and to the clearing, cultivating and improving of this property. Jacob Heffelfinger devoted his after life. He was an honest, upright, industrious man, qualities which belong to his descendants. She lived to the age of 72 years and he until about 78 years old, both dying in the faith of the German Lutheran church. Of their eight children all survived to be about 70 years of age, with the exception of one who died in his 16th year. The one survivor, Jacob, Jr., a millwright

living at Brighton, Ia., has passed his 86th birthday.

Benjamin Heffelfinger remained on the home farm until 21 years of age and then learned the trade of shingle maker. In April, 1861, he embarked in the grocery business on East Main Street, Crestline, where he continued for 30 years, during this period erecting his own business house and investing in other property, including five acres of valuable realty and owning a handsome residence situated at No. 716 West Bucyrus Street, where he spent the closing years of his life, in comfortable retirement. He was identified with many of the progressive movements that contributed to the city's advancement, was one of the early members of the city council and for years served as treasurer of the school board. In his political views he was a Democrat.

Mr. Heffelfinger was 27 years old when he was married, in Washington township, Richland county, to Miss Mary E. Kerr, who was born at Rensselaer, Jasper county, Ind., April 11, 1843, a daughter of John and Susan (Piper) Kerr, natives of Richland county, of Scotch-Irish extraction. They were married in Ohio and in the thirties moved to Jasper county, Ind., where they both died early, the father of Mrs. Heffelfinger when aged but 36 years and his wife, when but 35. They left one daughter and two sons, Thomas and John, both of whom married and died when aged about 66 years.

A family of eight children was born to Mr. and Mrs. Heffelfinger, namely: Melvin C., who resides with wife and children at Bucyrus; Martha J., who died at the age of 40 years, who was the wife of Henry Foltz and was survived by four children; Elihu E., who is a resident of Crestline and a conductor on the Pennsylvania Railway; Charles A., who is an engineer on the same road lives at Crestline and has a family of wife, son and three daughters; Thomas D., who died at the age of eight months; Lavina B., who is the wife of John Cook, of Pensacola, Fla.; and Dora and Rosa, twins, who died near together, when aged 19 months. Mrs. Heffelfinger and family are members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

HORACE J. SMITH, a leading citizen of Lykens township, Crawford county, O., who owns 160 acres of well situated land, which he devotes to general agriculture, was born in Holmes township, Crawford county, July 3, 1869, and is a son of John F. and Malinda (Shupp) Smith.

John F. Smith and wife were born in Crawford county, members of old families of this section, and spent their lives here into advanced years. Mr. Smith still resides in Holmes township but his wife died in 1887. They had the following children born to them: Lulu, who is the wife of W. E. Pfetzer; Laura, who is the wife of Wesley Lust; Horace J.; Edith and Sylvanus, both of whom are deceased; Leary, who is the wife of George Lechrone; Lottie, who is the wife of Edward Pfeifer; Celesta, who is the wife of Harry Chester; and Lena, who is deceased.

Horace J. Smith attended the public schools and remained at home giving his father assistance on the farm until he was 22 years of age, after which, for 14 years, he rented land from his father. In 1908 he purchased his present farm from his father and here successfully engages in farming and raising some excellent stock, not much more, however, than he needs for himself. His surroundings show thrift and good management, an interest in public affairs, schools and good roads and the presence of reading matter, go far to prove the opening statement, that Mr. Smith is a leading citizen in his community. He is a member of the Grange at Broken sword, is serving as school director, and for three continuous terms was a trustee of the township.

In 1891, Mr. Smith was married to Miss Ida C. Fralick, a daughter of David and Elizabeth (Hass) Fralick, one of the old families of the county. Mrs. Smith died Feb. 29, 1912. The other members of her parents' family were: Emma, wife of William Lahman; Benjamin; Elizabeth, wife of J. Shawk; and Edward and Harrison. To Mr. and Mrs. Smith four children were born, namely: Alfred, Lula, Mabel and Alton. In politics Mr. Smith is a Democrat. He and family attend the Methodist Episcopal church at Broken sword.

DAVID H. CASSEL, a retired merchant of Crestline, O., occupying a beautiful residence which is situated at No. 211 Pearl Street, has made this place his continuous home for the past 17 years and has been active in both business and political circles. He was born on his father's pioneer farm, in Sandusky township, Crawford county, O., Aug. 6, 1844, and is a son of John and a grandson of Frederick Cassel.

Frederick Cassel was of German parentage but was born in the United States, not far from Pittsburg, Pa. He grew to manhood there and married Sarah A. Steel, and late in the thirties the family came to Richland county, O., settling in Springfield township and both Frederick Cassel and wife died there, in advanced years. They were members of the Lutheran church.

John Cassel, son of Frederick and father of David H. Cassel, was the eldest born of his parents' large family, his birth taking place in Pennsylvania, in 1821 and he was in early manhood when he accompanied his parents to Ohio. He learned the carpenter trade under John Stough, completing his apprenticeship before he was 21 years old. The Stough family came to Richland county at the same time as the Cassel family and they became acquainted while crossing the mountains and settled on adjacent farms in Springfield township. The families prospered together and both were well thought of in Springfield township, where the Stoughs also lived to be old people. John Cassel married Sarah Stough and continued to work at his trade in Richland county until 1843 when he bought a farm in Sandusky township, all of which was uncleared but seven acres and on which the only improvement was a log cabin. Here the Cassel family increased and thrived and the parents lived into honored old age, passing away with the neighborly esteem that their kind and useful activities during life had won for them. Eleven children were born to them and all but one grew to maturity, nine of these married and four sons and two daughters are yet living.

David H. Cassel was the fourth child and early became inured to hard work, his father needing his almost constant assistance. As opportunity afforded, he went to the district

school, but had but meagre advantages. When he secured work from neighboring farmers, his wages were 25 cents a day and they were well earned. In May, 1862, he left the farm and came to Crestline and became an apprentice to the timber's trade, with G. W. Pierce, receiving for his first year's work the sum of \$35, \$50 for the second year, and \$75 for the third year, this including his board. For five years afterward he worked as a journeyman and in 1871 embarked in business on his own account and at that time established a hardware store, which he continued until 1908, when he retired after a long and prosperous business career. A strong Democrat all his life, he has been active in party movements in the county and city and has served as a member of the city council.

Mr. Cassel was married (first) at Upper Sandusky, O., to Miss Maggie Cramer, who was born in Seneca county, O. Her death occurred in 1869, from the effects of a fire which attacked the home. She was the mother of two children, one of whom died in infancy, the other being the wife of H. C. Cotner, of Crestline, and they have one son, Robert, who is a promising student in the public schools. Mr. Cassel was married (second) in Richland county, to Miss Maggie McGuire, who was a teacher. They have two children; Daisy M., who is a graduate of the Crestline High School; and Dotty D., who is the wife of E. E. Meister, who is connected with a large mercantile firm at Columbus. Mrs. Cassel and daughters are members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

GEORGE SNYDER, a retired business man of Galion, O., and one of the city's most respected citizens, was born at Washington, Pa., Feb. 7, 1835, and is a son of John M. and Anna (Heist) Snyder.

John M. Snyder was born at Winkle, Hesse Darmstadt, Germany, and his father had served under the great Napoleon for six years. In early manhood John M. Snyder decided to emigrate to America and after completing his trade of custom boot and shoe maker, he joined his brother-in-law, George Bower, who had established himself in Washington, Pa., in the blacksmith business. It was while living at Washington that John M.

Snyder was married to Anna Heist, who was from his own German province, and they remained at Washington until their son, George Snyder, was one year old, when a family removal was determined on, to what was then the far West. Mr. Snyder and Mr. Bower provided the heavy wagons and strong teams that hauled the household goods over the hills and mountains between Washington and Galion, O. They were disappointed in the appearance of the latter place, at that time only a few scattered dwellings making up the hamlet, and as an encouraging business point they found it totally deficient. In considering whether to choose Columbus or Mansfield for a permanent home, they tossed up a penny and as Mansfield was indicated they started on foot to have a view of the place before moving their families. Apparently they were satisfied with the appearance of that village for they concluded to make it their home and shortly afterward found employment and in the course of time were well established in their trades. George Bower lived to be 92 years old, grew wealthy and locally important. Both Mr. Snyder and Mr. Bower were musical and both were fine singers and their musical gifts served to introduce them to the hospitable people and for a long time no entertainment at Mansfield or in the vicinity was considered complete without their attendance and songs.

After some years John M. Snyder and wife moved on a farm in Congress township, Morrow county, O., and there they passed the rest of their lives. The land was unimproved when Mr. Snyder purchased it but perseverance and industry soon changed the wild land into cultivated fields. They were devoted members of the Reformed church and while living at Mansfield, through Mr. Snyder's efforts a church was built. He lived to the age of 76 years and three months but his wife passed away at the age of 61 years. They were people who were well beloved, their sympathy and kindness to every one arousing affection and respect. They had four sons and four daughters born to them and four sons and one daughter still survive.

George Snyder was the second child of his parents and was a babe when the family came to Ohio and was 17 years old when removal

was made to Morrow county. Under his father, who was a man of great skill in the trade, he had learned to manufacture custom boots and shoes, his father having made the first pair of stitched boots ever used at Mansfield. For some years George Snyder worked at the trade and then was married, after which he became a farmer, continuing until Sept. 1, 1865, when he came to Galion and embarked in the grocery business near the Public Square, on West Main Street, and carried it on until his sons had grown old enough to succeed him and they still conduct it. Mr. Snyder was one of the organizers of the old Hayes National Bank and was its first president and later its vice president.

In Morrow county, O., Mr. Snyder was married to Miss Harriet Mitchell, who was born near Iberia, O., Jan. 12, 1840. More than 52 years have passed with their joys and sorrows but the tie has never been severed and on April 12, 1910 these good people celebrated their 50th anniversary, an occasion long to be remembered with pleasure by all who were permitted to attend. The following children have been born to them: Frank J., who conducts the grocery business which was established by his father, and who married Nina Wineland and has two daughters, Naomi and Maud; Alonzo M., who graduated from Kenyon College and took first honors in the class to which he belonged in the Cincinnati Law College, and who is engaged in practice at Cleveland, and is married, having one son, Gaylord; Charles A., who is superintendent of the iron works of Platt & Crady, at Hartford, Conn., and has two sons, Russell G., who lives with his grandparents, and George Barry, who lives with his father.

Mr. Snyder and his brother were both soldiers in the Civil War, Mr. Snyder serving for 100 days. He has always been a patriotic and useful citizen and in local affairs has been continuously active, serving as a member of the city council and as a member of the school board for two terms, and when made the candidate of the Republican party for county treasurer, ran far ahead of his ticket. He is a member of the board of Review for the county. Both he and wife attend the Presbyterian church. He is a Mason of high de-

gree, a member of the Blue Lodge, Chapter, Council and Commandery at Mansfield and the Shrine at Cleveland.

JOSEPH E. SUTTER, who is in the meat and grocery trade at Crestline, O., located on the corner of Bucyrus and Seltzer Streets, a member of the firm of Sutter Bros., is one of the enterprising young business men of this city. Both he and brother, Otto Sutter, who is his partner, are natives of Vernon township, Crawford county, and there he was born June 29, 1885. The parents are Joseph F. and Theresa (Becker) Sutter.

Joseph F. Sutter was born at Crestline, O., in 1856 and has been a farmer all his life. His people came from Switzerland and died in old age in Crawford county. Joseph F. Sutter was married in Shelby county, O., to Theresa Becker, who was born in Bohemia, Germany, in 1858, and was five years old when her parents came to Ohio and spent the rest of their lives in Shelby county. Nine children were born to Jacob F. Sutter and wife, Joseph E. being the fourth in order of birth, all surviving with one exception: Albert, Susanna, Joseph E., Dorothy, Otto, Herman, Olivia and Henrietta, and Alfonso, who died at the age of 18 months.

The firm of Sutter Bros. has been operating at Crestline since 1910, the partners purchasing their present store and market from W. D. Cover. Through a careful study of the demands of their patrons, through honest and courteous dealings and the handling of superior stock only, this firm has been successful from the beginning and occupies a recognized position in commercial circles here.

At Crestline, O., Mr. Sutter was married to Miss Agnes Link, who was born at Galion, April 13, 1886 and was educated at Dayton and Crestline. Her father, John Link was born in Montgomery county, O., and for many years has been in the meat business at Crestline. He married Anna M. Rock, who was born in Germany and came alone to the United States, when 19 years of age. Both families are members of the German Roman Catholic Church.

JOHN H. ZIMMERMAN,* a well known business man at Galion, O., his hardware and

plumbing establishment being located at No. 218 East Main Street, was born at Williamsburg, New York, in December, 1855, and is a son of John A. and Anna M. (Miller) Zimmerman.

The parents of Mr. Zimmerman were born in Baden, Germany, and both came to America in 1850, and were married in the State of New York. After they came from there to Galion, O., the father followed his trade of cabinetmaker with the Big Four Railroad and for other firms. He was a careful, reliable and skilled workman. Both he and wife lived to be 81 years of age, and they both were members of the Lutheran church. Of their four children, three survive and all live at Galion.

John H. Zimmerman was one year old when his parents came to Galion and here he was reared and attended school. He served his apprenticeship to his trade of tinner and plumber and for several years worked as a journeyman but otherwise has always resided in this city. In 1891 he established himself as a plumber and tinner and three years later admitted F. H. Eise as a partner and at the same time added a hardware department, and for 11 years a prosperous business was carried on under the firm style of Zimmerman & Eise, since when Mr. Zimmerman has been sole proprietor and former conditions continue.

Mr. Zimmerman is a well known Mason, belonging to the Blue Lodge and Council at Galion and the Chapter and Commandery at Mansfield. He is identified also with the Knights of Pythias and the Elks and is a member of the Country Club. Politically he is a Democrat. He has never married.

JACOB R. BISHOP, an enterprising and successful farmer and stock raiser, owns a large body of valuable land, resides in section 15, Cranberry township, his property bordering the southeast side of the corporation limits of New Washington, O. He was born in Peru township, Huron county, O., Feb. 11, 1860, and is a son of Arsaineus and Theresa Bishop, natives of Huron county and both now deceased.

After his marriage in 1891, Mr. Bishop bought 73 acres in Cranberry township, Craw-

ford county, of the Springer heirs, paying fifty dollars an acre for the same. It was good land but was not improved to please Mr. Bishop who immediately began his own improvements, including a system of drainage, in 1903 erecting a new barn, with other structures, and the entire remodeling of the house which had been erected in 1858. Mr. Bishop, in 1905, bought 77 acres, from his father-in-law, George Miller, a well improved body of land adjoining his other farm on the west. All of it had been cleared by Mr. Miller with the exception of eight acres of maple grove and every year a large quantity of maple sugar is made on the place. Mr. Bishop raises grain, especially wheat, having at the present date of writing 17 acres of as fine wheat as can be found in Cranberry township, and has a large acreage in hay. He also raises cattle, horses and hogs, disposing of \$800 worth of the latter every year. A large number of fowls are produced here yearly also, Mrs. Bishop taking just pride in her Barred Plymouth Rocks and White Orphingtons, thorough-bred stock. She sells eggs to the Uhl Hatchery Company, of New Washington, O., and has made this an important feature of the farm industries.

Mr. Bishop was married Jan. 27, 1891, to Miss Mary Miller, who was born in Cranberry township, north of New Washington, O., a daughter of George and Margaret (Heydinger) Miller. George Miller was born in Germany, Feb. 2, 1835, and came to Crawford county and settled one-half mile north of New Washington, where he lived for four years and then bought a farm south of that place and there built a brick house for hotel purposes in 1871, naming it the Washington House, which he conducted for 20 years, then retired and now lives at Chicago, Ill. His wife, Margaret Heydinger, was born in France, a daughter of John Adam Heydinger, who probably came to New Washington in 1835. She was one of three children: John, Margaret and Mary, the brother marrying Mary Gulong, and the sister, Frank Wechter. Mrs. Miller died July 7, 1905, and her burial was in the Catholic cemetery at New Washington. To Mr. and Mrs. Miller the following children were born: Mary, who married Jacob R. Bishop; John R., who is manager of the Miller Department Store at New Washington; Catherine, who is the wife

of Matthew Burger, residing east of New Washington; Ignatius, who lives in Cranberry township; Rosa, who lives at Chicago, Ill.; Adam, who is interested at New Washington in the Miller Merchandise Company, and who married Amelia Burger; Cecelia, who is married and lives in the city of Chicago; and Tillie, who is the wife of George Schmidt, of New Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. Bishop have two children: Verona and Otto, the latter of whom is a student in the New Washington High School. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bishop is talented in music and devotes a part of her leisure time to teaching music. She graduated from the New Washington High School when only 16 years of age and afterward attended college for one year at Tiffin, O. She then taught school for two years and at present is book-keeper for the Uhl Hatchery Company. Mr. Bishop and family are members of St. Bernard's Catholic church at New Washington. Mr. Bishop votes with the Democratic party but is not unduly active in politics and has never accepted any public office except that of road supervisor, in which he served two terms.

JOHN F. MORKEL, who justly claims the distinction of being the oldest grocer, in point of service, doing business at Crestline, O., established himself here in 1887 and has continued uninterruptedly ever since. He was born in Crawford county, one mile west of Crestline, Dec. 7, 1853, and is a son of Christian and a grandson of Peter Morkel.

About 1829 or 1830, grandfather Morkel and family came from Germany to the United States and located in Franklin county, Pa., and from there, in 1832, started for Crawford county, O. The means of transportation was a wagon, drawn by a blind horse, and naturally but slow progress was made over the mountains and through uncleared lands, dense timber tracts and unbridged streams, and it took many weeks for the pioneers to reach their proposed home. They settled on virgin land, in what was called the wind fall, and there a log cabin was erected and life was begun anew. Many Indians were visitors to this section, attracted by the abundance of wild game and the pioneers soon learned wood craft from them and in the early days partly

sustained life by hunting, trapping and fishing. A valuable farm was developed through persevering labor and Peter Morkel and wife lived long enough to enjoy peace and comfort in their last days.

Christian Morkel, son of Peter and father of John F. Morkel, was born in Hesse Darmstadt, Germany, July 18, 1823, the eldest of seven children, and died in Richland county, O., in February, 1906, when aged 83 years. He learned the trade of wagonmaker and was able to construct an entire wagon from the cutting down of the tree to its completion as a useful vehicle, and in addition owned and operated a saw mill and engaged in farming. He spent his closing years in Richland county, near Crestline, a man widely known and very highly respected. In Crawford county he married Mary Ann Purkey, who was born in Lancaster county, Pa., Dec. 10, 1835, and was brought to Crawford county by her parents in the forties, they settling also in the wind fall, where her father followed farming. She died April 30, 1898, in Richland county. She was reared in the German Reformed faith but after marriage united with her husband's church, the German Lutheran. Thirteen children were born to this marriage, twelve of whom reached maturity, ten of whom married and all these survive.

John F. Morkel was the eldest born of his parents' children and was reared and educated in his native county about two miles east of Crestline. After some years on the farm he learned the blacksmith trade at Mansfield and for two years followed the same in Delaware county and then came to Crawford county on a farm for seven years, and then came to Crestline and embarked in the grocery business, for the first eleven years being located on Main Street and since then has occupied his commodious store, with dimensions of 22x67 feet, on the corner of Crestline and Bucyrus Streets. He carries a full line of staple goods and all fancy goods for which there is a demand, and does a safe and satisfactory business being able to meet all competition without recourse to any questionable methods. He is one of the reliable and representative business men of the city.

Mr. Morkel was married at Massillon, O., to Miss Helen Mathieu who was born in Wayne

county, July 8, 1853, and was there reared and educated. Mr. and Mrs. Morkel have three children: Edith Dora, who is the wife of Lewis Smith, a Pennsylvania Railroad engineer residing at Crestline, and has one son, Neil; Clarence Lee, who lives at Galion, and who married Daisy Snyder, who died when their daughter Ruth was eight days old; and Estelle May, who is the wife of Howard Ackerman, of Mansfield, and has one son, Franklin Kenneth. Mr. Morkel and family attend the Lutheran church. In politics Mr. Morkel is a Democrat and he has been active and useful as a citizen, serving for nine years as a member of the school board and serving also on the water works board. He is prominent in Ohio Masonry, belonging to the Blue Lodge and Chapter at Crestline and the Council at Mansfield and serving officially at different times.

RICHARD HOLCKER, senior member of the firm of Richard and Herman Holcker, successful hardware merchants and representative business men of Crestline, O., was born in Germany, Oct. 26, 1866, and is a son of George and Elizabeth (Huebisch) Holcker. His brother, Herman Holcker, the younger member of the firm, was born in 1868, also in Bavaria, and there the brothers grew to manhood and both learned trades, the older becoming a machinist and the younger a carriage-smith.

The parents, George Holcker and wife, were born and reared in the same Rhine province and married there and for many years Mr. Holcker followed the machinist trade. In 1901 he and wife came to America and joined their children at Crestline, O., where the father of Richard and Herman Holcker died in February, 1912, when aged 75 years, having lived retired after reaching this city. His widow, now in her 73rd year, resides with her children at Crestline. They had ten children and all came to the United States and all but one, to Crawford county, O. and all married but two.

The hardware business now conducted by the firm of Holcker Brothers, is one of the old established ones of Crestline, having been founded about 60 years ago, on the corner of Seltzer and Main Streets. The present firm, in



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1892, succeeded Jacob Sosenheimer, and a large business has been built up here, an immense stock of goods being carried, including all kinds of hardware, tin roofing and farm implements. Business honesty is the watchword of this firm and it has proved good policy.

Both members of the above firm have married and each household has children. Richard Holeker was married at Crestline to Miss Catherine (Gehrisch), who was born in Hesse Darmstadt, Germany, in 1874, and was 18 years of age when she came to Crestline. She is a member of the German Lutheran church. One child has been born to Richard Holeker and wife, Frederick, who is two years old.

Herman Holeker was married at Crestline to Miss Ida Eckstein who was born, reared and educated here. They have one son and one daughter: Albert G., born March 31, 1896, who is a student in the Crestline High School; and Martha, who was born June 19, 1900. Mr. Holeker and wife are members of the German Reformed church. In politics both brothers are nominally Democrats, but with independent tendencies. Both brothers are identified with the order of Macabees and both are stockholders in many of the successful local industries of the city, while Richard is also a director of the First National Bank.

HORACE ANGENE, one of the representative citizens and large tax payers of Crawford county, O., was born in Lykens township, June 2, 1861, and is a son of Jacob and Louisa (Barrett) Angene. The father is now deceased. He was a native of Germany and after coming to Ohio engaged in farming. The mother, who is now in her 73rd year, resides in Lykens township. They had two sons: Horace and Albert.

Horace Angene obtained an excellent public school education and then attended the Normal School at Lebanon, O., for one term, and before settling down to agricultural pursuits, taught five terms of school. Although he was entirely successful as an educator, he had determined on an agricultural life and ever since has devoted his attention to general farming and stock raising. He owns 370 acres of fine land situated in Crawford county and a body of 1840 acres, situated in Texas.

In 1883, Mr. Angene was married to Miss Sarah Kalb, a daughter of Jacob and Mary Kalb, substantial farming people in Chatfield township. Mrs. Angene has two brothers: Daniel and Emanuel. Four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Angene: Orestus, who married Mabel Meck; and Sylvanus, Anita and Amy. Mr. Angene and family attend the Pietist church at Chatfield. In politics a life-long Democrat, Mr. Angene has frequently been elected to public offices, in which men of high personal standing and education are required, and he has served on the school board and also as a justice of the peace.

THOMAS S. KENNEDY, who is one of Crawford county's leading citizens and substantial and representative men, resides on one of his farms in Dallas township, containing 280 acres, and owns a second one, comprising 80 acres. Additionally he has 175 acres in Marion county, and 139 acres in Trumbull county, and is one of the stockholders in the Farmers and Citizens Bank of Bucyrus. Mr. Kennedy was born in Tully township, Marion county, O., Oct. 23, 1848, and is a son of William and Margaret (Shank) Kennedy.

The parents of Mr. Kennedy were born in Pennsylvania and both died in Marion county, O. They came to Ohio when young and were reared and educated here and later married and settled down to an agricultural life in Marion county. The mother was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and they were respected and esteemed in the section which was their home for many years. They were parents of a large family. After the mother of Mr. Kennedy died the father married Mary A. Lance and they had one daughter born to them, Samira, who is the wife of Ellsworth J. Jones. Thomas S. Kennedy was the third born of his father's first family, the others being: Nancy, who died aged three years; Lydia Jane, who is the widow of Samuel Baker; Martha, deceased, who was the wife of George Watts; James William; Emma, who is the wife of Madison Roberts; Anzila, who is the wife of George Watts; and Margaret Ellen, who is the wife of John Hill. The paternal grandparents of the above children were Thomas and Nancy Kennedy, and the maternal were Jacob and Lydia Shank.

Thomas S. Kennedy attended the district schools in boyhood and improved his opportunities so that afterward he taught a term of school in Marion county. He found, however, that his natural inclinations led more in the direction of an agricultural life and therefore became a farmer, in which line of activity he has continued and has been exceedingly successful. In 1882 he bought the farm on which he lives, from J. George Heinlen, and this land as all the other that he owns has been improved and brought to a high productive state.

In 1874 Mr. Kennedy was married to Miss Esther F. Monnette, a daughter of Thomas and Esther Ann (Culp) Monnette. The parents of Mrs. Kennedy were early settlers and for many years prominent people of Marion county. Mrs. Kennedy has but one sister: Vansanelia, who is the wife of G. W. Sipe. To Mr. and Mrs. Kennedy the following children have been born: Mervin, assistant cashier of The Farmers & Citizens Bank, at Bucyrus, who married Juna Ethel Newland, and has had three children—Evelyn Lucile, Frances Bernice and an infant, deceased; William, a farmer in Marion county, O., who married Mary Mertie Heinlen, and the following children were born to them—Flossie Marie, an infant, deceased; Clarence Eugene, Harold Stephen, Melvin Oben, Mabel Mertie and an unnamed infant; Otho W., city solicitor of Bucyrus, O., who married Edna Burke; Orange D., a farmer in Marion county, who married Blanche Fink, and has the following children—Milford, Almeda, Vancenella Catherine; Myron G., who is in the drug business at Niles, Trumbull county, O., who married Daisy Knowles, and has the following children—James Thomas, Marion Elizabeth and Richard Knowles; Any Elva, who married Samuel Stump, a farmer in Whetstone township; James Corbin, a farmer in Trumbull county, who married Eleanor Culler, of Indiana, and has three children—Myron Samuel, George William and Pauline Esther; Olive Edna, who is a member of the class of 1913, at college, at Ada, O.; Ralph C., who is a student at Fort Wayne, Ind.; Myrtle Flossie, who is a student at Ada; Almet E., who lives at home; and Jay Monnette, who died at the age of two years. This is one of the representative fam-

ilies of Crawford county, not only in numbers but in intelligence and business capacity. Mr. Kennedy and his sons are Democrats in their political allegiance and are deeply interested in public affairs at the present time of writing (1912). Mr. Kennedy has served on the township school board, of which he has been clerk and has been land appraiser for one term and also trustee. Both he and wife were reared in the Methodist faith and in this church their children also have received their religious instruction.

AUGUST MARQUART, one of the well known citizens of Crawford county, O., owning 238 acres of valuable land in section 12, Cranberry township, has been a member of the school board for four years and during three of these has been its president. He was born in Cranberry township, one mile north of the old homestead of Michael Marquart, July 31, 1856.

August Marquart obtained his education in the public schools of Cranberry township and has devoted many years to agricultural pursuits. The farm located three-fourth miles from New Washington, on which he lives, contains seventy-eight acres. He also owns 80 acres which he purchased from A. G. Lederer, this being previously the Anderson farm and he has also bought the Rapp farm of 80 acres. His home farm was formerly owned by Daniel Uhl. All this land Mr. Marquart has improved as he has thought desirable and has lived on the 78-acre farm since Oct. 1, 1880. He carries on a general farming line and also raises hogs, sheep and Durham cattle, all good stock, and his methods are those which experience has taught him to be most satisfactory.

Mr. Marquart married Miss Mary Jane Tilton, who was born in Cranberry township, a daughter of Arthur Tilton, and they have seven children, namely: Ida, Minnie, Elmer, Ora, Emma, Arthur and Lilly. All have been given educational and other advantages. The family belongs to the Lutheran church. Mr. Marquart is not bound by politics to any particular party, preferring to use his own judgment as to the worthiness of candidates when he casts his vote.

ION. FRANK MILLER, whose prominence and usefulness both in public life and in business affairs justifies the assertion that he is one of the leading men of Crawford county, O., served with distinction for five years in the Ohio State Legislature, and from 1896 until 1900, was mayor of the city of Crestline, during which period municipal growth and progress was notable. Mr. Miller was born at Crestline, March 11, 1863, and is a son of C. H. Miller, long a prominent citizen here.

Frank Miller attended the Crestline schools and the State University at Columbus, O., and in 1887 was admitted to the Ohio bar and practiced law until 1892. While he has been very active in politics he has been no less so in the business world. He is a director of the First National Bank of Crestline and also of the Burch Plow Works, and is vice president and treasurer of Schil Bros. Co., manufacturers of stoves and steel ranges. The above business was incorporated in 1900, with a capital of \$150,000, and the present officials are: W. H. Weaver, president; Frank Miller, vice president and treasurer; and W. D. Cover, secretary and manager. The board of directors is made up of the following capitalists: W. H. Weaver, C. F. Frank, J. M. Martin, J. A. McCallum, C. A. Simeonton and John Schil. Mr. Miller owns and operates the stockyards at Crestline and has the contract for the managing and cleaning of the stock cars on the Pennsylvania Railroad. Mr. Miller was reared a Democrat and has always been a loyal party man and for years has served as a delegate to all important conventions and been prominent in county organizations.

In 1889 Mr. Miller was married in Logan county, O., to Miss Short, who was born, reared and educated there. Fraternally he is identified with the Knights of Pythias, at Crestline, and with the Elks, at Bucyrus.

BENJAMIN L. SITES, pharmacist, who conducts a well equipped drug store at No. 138 South Market Street, Galion, O., has had a wide experience in his profession and in unusually well qualified for the important position the pharmacist fills in a community. He was born at Dakota, Stephenson county, Ill., but was mainly educated in Ohio and after spending some years at Wooster and Heidel-

berg Universities, entered the Ohio Normal University at Ada and was graduated from the School of Pharmacy in the class of 1896. He then became a clerk in the drug store of C. E. Ashbrook, at Ada, where he remained for five years, as prescription clerk for this house.

In 1901, an opportunity presented for a position in his professional capacity, under the Bureau of Medicine & Surgery, U. S. Navy. After passing a very satisfactory examination, he was attached to the recruiting party as assistant to the medical examiner, and later was sent to New York where he was given his first assignment, aboard the U. S. Training Ship "Albion." This vessel made a number of lengthy foreign cruises, not being hampered by the usual fleet routine.

When military occupation was made of the Panama Canal Zone, he was one of the two pharmacists, out of 40, selected for duty there in the establishment of marine hospitals. In this capacity, he was professionally associated with the most skilful medical men in the service and enjoyed experiences which were exceptionally valuable in following work. At the time his enlistment expired, he was serving with Dr. J. D. Gatewood, formerly head of the Bureau at Washington, and then attached to the U. S. S. "Yankee."

Dr. Sites then came to Galion and in 1905 succeeded one of the oldest druggists of this city—L. K. Reisinger—and has continued in business here ever since. He is an enterprising citizen, an active member of the Commercial Club, having served as one of its presidents and at present is chairman of the industrial committee. He is a member of the State and National Pharmaceutical Associations, is treasurer of the Crawford County Pharmacists Association and belongs to numerous fraternal bodies including the Elks and Knights of Pythias.

WILLIAM DITTY, who is serving in his second term as township clerk of Lykens township, Crawford county, O., is well known all over the county, for 15 years having been a prominent and popular school teacher. He was born in Lykens township, Feb. 17, 1874, and is a son of Levi William and Catherine (Haas) Ditty.

Levi William Ditty, whose death occurred Aug. 8, 1901, was well known all through Lykens township, where he followed farming. His widow survives and resides with her son William, who was the second born in the family or children, the others being: Susan, now deceased, who was the wife of Arthur Jay Stevenson; Conrad M., who is deceased; and Mattie M., who resides with her mother and brother.

William Ditty completed the common school course in Lykens township, after which he took a commercial course at Ada, O. Teaching has been his main interest for many years and as an educator he is held in high esteem in Crawford county. During the summer season he cultivates his two acres of fertile land, attached to his comfortable residence, and does gardening and trucking. He is identified with the Democratic party and was elected on that ticket to the office of township clerk and gives intelligent attention to his official duties. He belongs to Lodge No. 859, Independent Order of Foresters, at Brokensword, and with his mother and sister, attends the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. Ditty is unmarried.

THOMAS H. B. CLUTTER, M. D., who stands at the head of the medical profession at Crestline, O. and is the oldest physician and surgeon here, has been a resident since boyhood, but was born in Washington county, Pa., and is a son of John P. and Margaret (Andrews) Clutter.

The Clutter family can be clearly traced as far back as 1623, in Holland, from which country his forefathers came and settled at New Amsterdam, N. Y. From Morristown, N. J., his great-grandfather, John Clutter, enlisted for service in the Revolutionary War, in which he was a soldier for seven years and was with General Washington during the memorable winter at Valley Forge, his son, John Clutter, being also an enlisted soldier from the same place. After the trouble with Great Britain was settled the great-grandfather located in a wild section of Washington county, Pa., one of the first settlers there, his estate lying within 12 miles of the present county seat. The Clutter family experienced the most of the dangers and hardships of pioneer life, being driven to block houses for shelter from

Indians—these houses being the first thing they were compelled to build. They also suffered loss of stock from wild animals and had to surround their cabin at night with blazing fires to drive off hungry and voracious wolves. They lived through all these trials, increased in numbers and prospered in their business enterprises, accumulating much land and many herds of cattle.

John Clutter, son of John, and grandfather of Dr. Clutter, became famous locally as an Indiana fighter. He was a robust man even up to 80 years and possessed as much knowledge of woodcraft as the most wily savage and when one of the latter had committed some depredation, John Clutter pursued him for weeks until he had brought the Indian to justice. He married Phebe Headley, who also survived into old age.

John P. Clutter (3), son and grandson of John Clutter and father of Dr. Thomas H. B. Clutter, was born in Washington county, Pa., Jan. 1, 1806, and lived and died on his grandfather's farm, when aged 80 years. He was one of the younger members of a family of 12 children, all of whom have now passed away. He married Margaret Andrews, who was born near the old block-house in Washington county, in 1816, and died Oct. 10, 1885, a daughter of James and Anna (Van Voorhees) Andrews, who came from New Jersey to Washington county, Pa. John Clutter, grandfather of our subject, was a carpenter and wagonmaker and was skillful with tools. He was a busy and useful man in the neighborhood at the time when the hand was the only machine. The Andrews were all members of the Cumberland Presbyterian church, while the Clutters were Baptists. Thomas H. B. Clutter is one of seven children born to his parents, namely: Jasper, who left a widow at death; Thomas H. B.; Samuel, who lives with wife and two children, at Akron, O.; John P., Jr., who lives with his family in Charleroi, Pa.; Robert Morris, who is a resident of Waynesburg and has one son and one daughter; and two deceased.

Thomas H. B. Clutter came to Crestline in 1861, was reared here and served an apprenticeship in a drug store, after which he studied medicine for a time with Drs. A. & A. E. Jenner, with whom he prepared for Starling Medical College, where he was graduated in 1865.

Later he returned to Crestline and with the exception of a period of practice at Leesville, Crawford county, has been at Crestline. In February, 1889 he purchased the practice of Dr. C. W. Jenner, of this place and has been actively engaged here ever since.

Dr. Clutter was married (first) in 1867, in Pennsylvania, to Miss Joanna Day, who was born there in 1842, and died in the Columbus Hospital, Nov. 15, 1886. Dr. Clutter was married (second), to Miss Ida L. Mapes, who was born and reared at Bucyrus, O., a daughter of Richard Mapes. Dr. and Mrs. Clutter attend the Presbyterian church. He is prominent in Masonry, belonging to the Blue Lodge and Chapter at Crestline; the Commandery at Mansfield, the Consistory at Cincinnati and the other branches at Dayton. He is a charter member of the Dayton Consistory, S. P. R. S., No. 32, and a charter member of the Home for Masons at Springfield, being one of the first contributors of one hundred dollars to this worthy object. Professionally he is widely known, financially he is independent and personally is a man of sterling character.

HENRY HAGEMAN, who is one of the most progressive agriculturists of Crawford county, O., resides on his finely improved farm in Cranberry township, where he has 100 acres situated in section 24, and an additional 100 acres adjoining the home farm on the north, was born here March 13, 1848, and is a son of Charles and Catherine (Fredline) Hageman.

Charles Hageman was born in Somerset county, Pa., and was twelve years old when he accompanied his parents, Barnett and Susan Hageman, to Wayne county, O. Barnett Hageman served as a private in the Revolutionary War and died in Crawford county and his burial was in Goodwill Cemetery. Charles Hageman grew to manhood in Wayne county and then married Catherine Fredline. He was a house carpenter and a skilled workman and after marriage he built a residence in Wayne county which his son Henry visited in later years and was surprised to see how skillfully and substantially it had been constructed, all its finishing having been done by hand. After the birth of three children—Sarah, Mary and Catherine—Charles Hageman and wife moved

to Crawford county, in 1842 reaching the present farm of Henry Hageman, in Cranberry township. It must have been a stern sense of duty that made Mr. and Mrs. Hageman willing to give up their comfortable home in Wayne county and settle here, where but three acres of the 100 had been cleared and the only house was a log cabin. In the course of time, however, Mr. Hageman erected the frame residence which is yet standing and cleared 70 acres of the land and here the rest of the children were born, namely: William, Martha, George, Henry, David and John. The survivors are William, John and Henry, the last named being the only one living in Crawford county. The father died on this farm when aged 81 years, one month and 21 days, and the mother when aged 76 years. They were members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Henry Hageman had the school opportunities then offered in Cranberry township, these being somewhat meager in his boyhood, and afterward followed farming and the carpenter trade, acquiring a farm of 40 acres situated northwest of the homestead. When his mother died he came with his family to the home farm, which he purchased, and here the aged father had kind care until the close of his life. Mr. Hageman cleared off the remaining 30 acres of the land and made the repairs to the buildings which he deemed necessary and has added many improvements. He is a self made man, never having received any portion of his father's estate which he did not pay for. He is a member of the Grange and in his agricultural methods follows modern teachings and with great success. His residence is situated on the East and West road, four and one-half miles south and east of New Washington, O. In politics he is a Democrat.

Mr. Hageman married Miss Martha A. Garberich, who was born in Crawford county, west of Galion, a daughter of Isaac and Susan Garberich, and they have six children: Gertrude Pearl, who married Orval Stern and lives at Helena, O.; William, who married a Laura Cole, and lives at Shelby, O.; Maudie, who is the wife of George Foster; Howard, who married Cora Dertler; Eva, who was a teacher for five years, and is in a nurse's training school; and Anna, who has been a success-

ful teacher for some years. Mr. Hageman and family belong to the M. E. church in which he is a steward and one of the trustees.

GEORGE JACOB BAUER,* whose fine, well stocked farm of 47 acres is situated in Vernon township, Crawford county, O., has been a lifelong resident of this township and was born near his present place, July 12, 1858, a son of John J. and Julia (Harrience) Bauer.

John J. Bauer was born in Germany, Nov. 19, 1828, and came to the United States with his parents in 1836. They were John Philip and Catherine (Frick) Bauer, who settled as pioneers in Vernon township, where they cleared and improved land and occupied it into old age. This same farm was owned by their son, John J., for a period of 45 years and on that place his death occurred May 6, 1911. He was a well known and highly esteemed man, well read and possessed of the sound judgment that led others to consult him on matters important to themselves and the community. Politically he was a Democrat and a worthy member of the German Reformed church. By trade a carpenter, he assisted in the erection of the first Reformed church building in Vernon township.

At Sandusky, O., John J. Bauer was married to Julia Harrience, who died in 1856, in the prime of life, in Vernon township, the mother of the following children: Emma, who married William Beach, of Vernon township, and has eight children; George Jacob, our subject; and Phebe, who is the wife of Charles Pauffenbach, a carpenter in Toledo, O., and has six children. Mr. Bauer was married (second) in Crawford county, to Julia Unckrich, who was born at Massillon, O., and died in Vernon township in February, 1904, when aged 63 years, the mother of eight children, all of whom married but one: Mary, deceased; John F.; Elizabeth, deceased; Frederick, unmarried; Amelia; Theodore; and Alice, a widow.

George Jacob Bauer attended the district schools in boyhood and youth and has followed general farming and moderate stock raising ever since, with satisfactory results. The farm on which he lives is well improved, Mr. Bauer being progressive in his ideas, and he has one of the fine orchards of the town-

ship. He also has an interest in his father's farm of 240 acres and in a farm of 200 acres, which is owned by five people.

Mr. Bauer was married in Jefferson township, Crawford county, to Miss Mary Nigraiench, who was born in this county, Dec. 25, 1867, a daughter of Christian and Margaret (Steffhom) Nigraiench. He was a soldier in the German army but found conditions so hard that he deserted and managed to hide himself for three days in the sails of a vessel, in which he escaped to America, and on the same vessel Margaret Steffhom came to the United States. After reaching Crawford county, O., they were married and afterward spent a long and happy life on their farm in Jefferson township. In 1861, when civil war was declared, he again became a military man and displayed all the qualities of a good soldier during his four years of service in his adopted country. Both he and wife were members of the German Lutheran church at Crestline.

To Mr. and Mrs. Bauer the following children have been born: Julia, who is the wife of Samuel Beach, a groceryman, at Crestline; and Hattie, Mada, John P. and Boston N. F., all living at home. In politics Mr. Bauer is a Democrat and has served in local offices and while trustee of Vernon township had much to do in the matter of ditching and building the excellent turnpike roads for which Vernon township is justly noted. For three successive years, Mr. Bauer, his father and his uncle, Peter Bauer, were drawn to serve as jurors, in the State Supreme Court, at Cleveland, the whole family having high standing in Crawford county. Mr. Bauer and family are members of the Reformed church.

P. C. THOMAS. Among the substantial and representative business men of long standing at Galion, O., is P. C. Thomas, who has been in the hardware line here for the last 30 years, his store being one of the largest and best stocked in this section of the state. He was born at West Becket, Berkshire county, Mass., and is a son of George Milton and Almida (Baird) Thomas, and a grandson of George Milton Thomas, Sr.

George Milton Thomas, Jr., was born also in the Berkshire hills and died in 1862, when

aged 56 years. He was a carpenter by trade and also managed a small farm. In early days he was a Whig and later a Republican. He married Almeda Baird, who was a member also of an old Massachusetts family. After her husband died, Mrs. Thomas moved to Lorain county, O., where her death occurred in 1876, when aged 68 years. She had two children, a son and a daughter. The daughter died in infancy and the son accompanied his mother to Ohio.

P. C. Thomas was eight years old when his father died and the larger part of his school period was passed at Wellington, O. As soon as he was old enough he worked for neighboring farmers and then learned the carriage blacksmith trade, in which he engaged until 1881, when he came to Galion, immediately becoming connected with the store of which he is proprietor. For 19 years he was on the road for its owners, O. R. Cox & Company, they doing a jobbing business. Since 1901 Mr. Thomas has been sole proprietor. His quarters are commodious, the dimensions of his store being 24x196 feet, and the stock he carries includes shelf hardware of every description together with all lines of general hardware known to the trade. He has many of the qualities credited to his old Welsh ancestors, among these being a fine sense of business integrity which has been no small factor in his success.

At Wellington, O., Mr. Thomas was married to Miss Mary Daughterty, who was born in Medina county, O., a daughter of William and Adelaide (Mariam) Daughterty, the former of whom died at the home of Mrs. Thomas, at the age of 78 years. The mother of Mrs. Thomas survives. She is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas have the following children: Frank, born at Wellington, O., who is a salesman for his father and who married Fay Coleman and has two daughters—Ethel and Helen; George Milton, named after both his grandfather and great-grandfather, who is book-keeper for his father, and who married Nellie Bland of Galion and has one daughter, Ruth Lilian; Addie, born at Galion, who is the wife of Stewart Booth, of Greenwich, O.; and Ralph R., who lives at home. Mr. Thomas and his two older sons are all members of the Blue

Lodge in Masonry, of which Mr. Thomas is past master and treasurer, and he belongs also to the Chapter at Galion, and Council at Bucyrus, in all of which he has been an official. With his sons Mr. Thomas is also a Republican, all being strong party men. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas are members of the First M. E. church.

HARVEY G. ZELLNER, owner and proprietor of the Lykens Township Tile Factory, together with 17 acres of adjacent land, was born in Lykens township, Crawford county, O., Feb. 22, 1879, and is a son of Edward and Emma (Ohl-) Zellner.

The father, Edward Zellner, was born in Pennsylvania, has followed an agricultural life and now lives retired at Brokensword, O. His wife is deceased, her burial having been in Baseline Cemetery. They had the following children born to them: William, Charles A., Henry, Laura, Harvey G., Anna and Walter. Laura is deceased and Anna is the wife of William Park.

Harvey G. Zellner had no other educational advantages than those offered by the public schools. In early manhood he began farm work, by the month, which he continued for about ten years and then purchased his present plant from Harvey Candel. The enterprise is an important one in this section, employment being given to from five to ten hands, the product being building blocks and tile from three to fifteen inches. The business is prosperous.

On Feb. 22, 1911, Mr. Zellner was married to Miss Clara Laipply, a daughter of Emory Laipply, a general farmer in Crawford county. Mrs. Zellner has the following brother and sisters: Amanda, who is the wife of George Green; Emma, who is the wife of John Smith; and Laura, Grace and Jonas. Mr. and Mrs. Zellner are members of the Reformed church. In politics he is a Democrat and at present is serving acceptably in the office of road commissioner.

PETER ECKSTEIN, deceased, for many years was a leading business man at Crestline, O., and was the founder of the grocery store now conducted by his sons and successors, Henry E. and George P. Eckstein, at Nos. from 106-112, West Main Street. He was

born in Kleinbieberau, Hesse Darmstadt, Germany, April 8, 1848, and was but two months old when his parents, George and Mary Catherine Eckstein, brought him to the United States, following his baptism in his father's church, in the village where he was born.

George Eckstein settled first with wife and child in Richland county, O., and afterward moved into Crawford county, securing land in Vernon township, on which he and wife spent the rest of their lives. They were quiet, God-fearing people, devout members of the Reformed church.

When Peter Eckstein had reached his 16th year, he left the home farm and went to Sandusky, O., where he learned the carpenter trade and afterward followed the same for a number of years at Crestline. In 1875 he embarked in the grocery business, conducting the same for the first year with Benjamin Spell for a partner, but after that until he retired in 1906, was sole proprietor. He was a man of business integrity and a most worthy and useful citizen and his memory is held in universal esteem. Although he never sought public office his judgment and business qualifications were so approved by his fellow citizens that they desired the benefit of these in civic matters and elected him a member of the city council. In his political views he was a Democrat. His death occurred in his home at Crestline, May 10, 1910, a member of the German Reformed church.

In 1872 Peter Eckstein was married at Crestline, to Miss Catherine B. Huber, who was born near Leesville, Crawford county, Nov. 15, 1849, and is yet a resident of this city. Her parents, Peter and Christiana (Knapp) Huber, came to the United States from Germany and afterward lived on their farm in Crawford county and died there in old age. Seven children were born to Peter Eckstein and wife: John, who died in infancy; C. William, who is in the grocery business at Galion and has a family; Ida, who married Herman Holeker, who is in the hardware line at Crestline, and has two children—Albert and Martha; Julia, who resides with her mother; Henry E.; George P., who, with his older brother, is a member of the firm of Eckstein Bros., and who married Lulu Hetrick, of Shelby, O.; and Fred O., the youngest, who is a student in the Ohio State College.

Henry E. Eckstein, the older member of the firm of Eckstein Bros., was born at Crestline, Sept. 9, 1881 and obtained his education in the schools of this city. He practically was reared in his father's store and learned the grocery trade at first hand, as may also be said of his brother and partner, George P. When the father retired, July 1, 1906, after his long and honorable business career, it was with feelings of satisfaction that he turned his interests over to sons so capable and well qualified to succeed him. A very large volume of trade is handled here, there being customers who dealt with the father and continue their patronage to the sons, the enterprise of the younger men having opened up new avenues that have contributed to business expansion.

Henry E. Eckstein was married May 5, 1909, to Miss Blanche Topping, who was born at Galion, O., in 1884 and was educated in that city. Mr. and Mrs. Eckstein have one son, Robert E., who was born June 14, 1910. As a family the Eckstein's are members of the German Reformed church. Both members of the firm of Eckstein Bros. are Democrats in their political sentiments, while fraternally they belong to the order of Elks, at Galion. They are not only able business men but public spirited and progressive, proud of the extent and high standing of their business interests and ever ready to assist in fostering that local spirit that arouses emulation and results in more general prosperity. Crestline, as every other city, values such citizens.

WILLIAM J. STUCKEY, a representative business man of Lykens township, Crawford county, O., owner and proprietor of the elevator at Plankton, where he deals in feed and grain and all kinds of farming implements, was born in this township, Jan. 20, 1870, and is a son of Carl and Louisa (Keller) Stuckey, both now deceased.

Carl Stuckey was of German extraction and his business was farming and for many years he lived in Lykens township, where occurred his death and burial. He was twice married and to his first union were born: Henry, and Mary, who is the wife of John Ohls. To his second marriage the following children were born: Lena, who is the wife of Frank Dennis; Charles; Elizabeth, who is the wife of Lewis Young; Hattie, who is the wife of Charles

Moore; George; William J.; Laura, who is the wife of Cyrus Ohls; and Janela, who is the wife of L. J. Shoots.

William J. Stuckey attended the public schools and then spent five terms in the Ohio Normal University at Ada and after this taught school for five years in Crawford and Seneca counties. For ten more years he followed farming but in 1908 bought his elevator and has been engaged in business at Plankton ever since. He shows an active and intelligent interest in public matters, aiding all movements that promise to be beneficial to the village and is valued as a citizen.

In 1893 Mr. Stuckey was married to Miss Mattie Mesnard, who was born in Seneca county, a daughter of William and Eliza (McCloughlin) Mesnard. To the parents of Mrs. Stuckey the following children were born: Emma, wife of Charles Stuckey; Edward; Della, deceased, who was the wife of Daniel Stuckey; Cora, wife of Donald Swalley; Mattie, wife of William J. Stuckey; and Lloyd and Duff.

Mr. and Mrs. Stuckey have two children: Verle, who is associated with his father; and Velma. They attend the Methodist Episcopal church. Politically Mr. Stuckey is a Democrat and is serving in the office of clerk of Texas township. He is identified with the Odd Fellows at Melmore, Seneca county.

MRS. MINNIE C. BECHSTEIN, who is a member of one of the old families of Cranberry township, Crawford county, O., where she was born, reared and educated, resides two and one-half miles northeast of New Washington, her valuable farm of 116 acres being situated in section 2 of this township. She is a daughter of Michael and Caroline Marquart, both of whom died in Cranberry township, and the widow of William C. Bechstein.

Mrs. Bechstein grew to young womanhood in her parents' home and in girlhood attended school at what is called the Klein school-house, in Cranberry township and also attended German school at New Washington, O. On May 22, 1891, she was married to William C. Bechstein, who was born in Germany, a son of Ernest and Louisa Bechstein. After marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Bechstein lived on J. Wright's

farm near Bellevue, O., afterward moving to the Yingling farm north of Monroeville, and from there came to the present farm, which Mr. Bechstein bought from Henry Rapp, in 1899. The land had been partly cleared but the only attempts at improvement were two log stables. Mr. Bechstein was a very industrious man and an excellent farmer and soon had many improvements under way, his death, at the comparatively early age of 44 years interrupting many of the plans he had in view. He was a highly respected citizen of Cranberry township, a good neighbor and kind husband and father. A son and daughter survive him, Elmer and Ora, both of whom live with their mother. Since Mr. Bechstein's death, on Feb. 20, 1910, Mrs. Bechstein has erected the present comfortable farm residence and the farm industries are carried on under her capable management. She is a member of the Lutheran church as was her husband.

GEORGE WOOD NICKELS, postmaster at Galion, O., to which place his parents came in 1854, was born in this city July 10, 1869, and is the sixth son of George Wood and Margaretta R. (Webber) Nickels. The elder George Wood Nickels was born in Marion county, O., in 1820, and was a soldier in the Mexican War in 1846. In 1854 he was married at Mansfield, O., to Margaretta R. Webber, a native of Cumberland county, Pa., and they came then to Galion, where he followed his trade of carpenter and car builder and for a number of years was one of the most highly valued mechanics in the (now) Big Four Bee Line Railway employ. He died at Galion, O., in 1873. Politically he was a Republican and fraternally a Mason. His widow, who was born in 1834, still survives. Three of their children are living: George W., subject of this sketch; Webber, who is a sheet metal worker, resides at Galion with his mother; and Guy, who is an upholsterer and carriage trimmer, resides also at Galion.

At the age of 18 years George Wood Nickels, Jr., left school to learn the trades of boiler-maker and machinist with the Erie Railway Company and was so employed until he was appointed assistant postmaster under Postmaster J. W. Cump, who filled the office for seven years. Mr. Nickels has always been an

active Republican and on July 1, 1905, was appointed postmaster by President Roosevelt after a special election to determine the people's choice and was reappointed by President Taft. He has devoted all his energies to advancing and improving the efficiency of his office, paying particular attention to expediting the mails in order to give satisfaction to the citizens and also carefully regulating the rural mail service. This is an office of the second class and a large volume of business passes through it, some 12,000 residents being served. He has a competent force and the office is conducted carefully and economically.

In 1896, Mr. Nickels was married to Miss Laura Case, a daughter of Philip Franklin and Dora (Monnett) Case, the latter a native of Galion. The former died here in 1884. The mother of Mrs. Nickels lives at No. 222 Gill Avenue, Galion. Mr. Nickels is a charter member of Star Council of Junior American Mechanics, chartered in 1890, and for many years has been identified with the Masonic bodies, being past master of Galion Lodge 414, F. & A. M., is active as an officer in Galion Chapter 142, and belongs to the Commandery No. 21, K. T., at Mansfield. In large measure Mr. Nickels is a self made man and is entitled to the respect and esteem in which he is universally held.

FRANK B. KEHRER, proprietor of the largest and most complete jewelry store at Bucyrus, O., a business house that was founded by his father some 40 years ago, was born in Ohio, in 1862, and is a son of George J. and Leah (Haller) Kehr.

George J. Kehr was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, in 1839, and died at his home in Bucyrus, in 1891. He was born possessing many talents and, probably, with training would have become a musical genius, and all his life was naturally proficient in mechanical arts. In 1850 he came to America but after a few years returned to Germany but came back to the United States before the Civil War and in the latter part of this struggle served as a private in an infantry regiment under command of Captain Diller of Bucyrus. About 1872 he went into the repair business, on Sandusky Avenue, Bucyrus, beginning in a small way as a tinker and mender of clocks, watches and

jewelry. In his spare moments he constructed a wonderful clock that worked automatically and that not only recorded the passing of the hours but had many devices that made it a remarkable piece of workmanship. This clock still is exhibited in the store which his sons conduct and probably is unique as a sample of inventive skill along this line. He was what, in these days, is called a wizard, when he undertook the manipulating of clocks and watches. All his skill in this direction was a natural gift as he had never been instructed in mechanics of any kind, his education, which was liberal, having been directed more in the line of a profession. In politics he was a Democrat and in religion was a member of the German Lutheran church. Fraternally he was identified with the leading German organizations of the city.

George J. Kehr was married in Columbiana county, O., to Leah Haller, who was of German ancestry but was born in Ohio. She still survives and is now in her 70th year. They had the following children: Frank B., Laura, Charles, George J., Frederick, Emma and Harry, the last named dying in 1890, at the age of five years. The eldest daughter as well as the youngest reside with their mother. Charles, who is a member of the jewelry firm of Kehr Bros., married Desta Sprow. George J. was born at Bucyrus in 1876 and since his graduation from the Bradley Polytechnic School of Peoria, Ill., has been in the jewelry business at Bucyrus. In 1898 he enlisted for service in the Spanish-American War and with the 8th O. Inf., went to Cuba, from which island he returned with the command in 1899. He became second lieutenant of Co. A, O. N. G., resigning in 1901. He is a member of the firm of Kehr Bros. Frederick, who is a graduate of the Ohio Medical University of Columbus, is a well known practitioner of this city, a specialist in diseases of the eye, nose and throat. He married Cady Coxgrove, and they have one son, Harry.

Frank B. Kehr began to work in his father's shop as soon as his school days were over and thus acquired a thorough knowledge of the trade. In 1887 he succeeded to the business and immediately began its expansion and within five years found his quarters inadequate and after several removals, in 1897,

with Mr. Blicke, purchased what is now the Kehrer Block, on Oct. 5, 1905, becoming sole owner. This is a handsome and valuable property situated at Nos. 112-114 North Sandusky Avenue, with dimensions of 48x72 feet. He carries a very large stock including jewels, gold and silver and silverware, clocks and watches and choice objects of art and his trade relations make it possible for him to procure for his customers any jewel or desired object of value or fine workmanship that he may not have among his own treasures. Mr. Kehrer is looked upon as a dependable man in his line, to which he has devoted his attention continuously for 38 years. In 1912 he admitted his brothers, George J. and Charles, to the firm.

Mr. Kehrer has never married, residing with his mother and sisters. He is identified with the Masons, the Knights of Pythias and the Elks. Politically he is a Democrat but has never accepted any tender of public office.

CHARLES H. MILLER, whose long, efficient and honorable service made him one of the best known railroad men for many years connected with the Pennsylvania system, has been a resident of Crestline, O., since 1860, and now lives retired, his home being located on the corner of Seltzer and Main Streets, Crestline. He was born in the city of New York, June 9, 1829, and is a son of John F. and Barbara (Giunder) Miller.

John F. Miller was born at Hamburg, Germany, Oct. 5, 1805, and died at Carrollton, O., July 2, 1897. When 12 years old he came to the United States on a cattle ship. For a number of years he lived in the city of New York and became a custom tailor, later in life moving to Carroll county, O. In New York City he married Barbara Giunder, who was born on the Atlantic Ocean when her parents, Jacob Giunder and wife, were coming from Switzerland to America. The mother died after the birth of her child and her burial was at sea. The father continued the journey with his motherless children, to Philadelphia, from there coming to Carroll county, O. In Switzerland he had been a linen manufacturer. His death occurred there when he was almost 100 years old. Mrs. Miller was reared by her brother and sister, mainly in New York State.

Her death occurred in Carroll county, O., when aged 84 years. She was a member of the Lutheran church. Four sons and three daughters were born to John F. and Barbara Miller. One son, Benjamin, died at the age of 75 years. Thomas J. left a son at death. John F. died without issue. All the sons and daughters reached maturity and the two survivors are: Charles H. and Mary, the latter of whom never married and who still occupies the old homestead in Carroll county.

Charles H. Miller grew to manhood in Carroll county and secured his education there. In 1851 he entered railroad life, becoming connected with the C. & P. Railroad, and worked on a construction train until 1853, when he went to Pittsburgh, where he engaged in merchandising for four years. He then returned to railroading and was conductor on a Pennsylvania line road until 1860, when he came to Crestline. Here he was placed in charge of the company's business with the title of dispatcher, but at that time his duties included a much wider territory than at present. In February, 1868, he was assigned to the position of livestock agent at Chicago, Ill., but still retained his home at Crestline. The company appreciated his services and gave him full credit for what had been accomplished. When he left the railroad service an elaborate dinner was tendered him by his fellow livestock agents of the Union Stockyards, at Chicago, on Dec. 29, 1900. He stood high in the regard of both employers and comrades and was given the privilege of naming his successor, his son-in-law, Ernest A. Oliver being subsequently named to succeed him. He has a thorough knowledge of railroad history running back sixty-one years. Politically Mr. Miller is, like his father before him, a Democrat. He is a third degree Mason.

Mr. Miller was married at Carrollton, O., to Miss Caroline Jackson, who was born there May 26, 1833, and died at her home in Crestline, Jan. 8, 1908. Although quiet and domestic in her tastes she was widely known for her sympathy and charity were given wherever needed and the circle of those who sincerely mourn her is large. She was the beloved mother of the following children: Ada, who married A. J. Wire, and died twelve years later; Carrie, who is the wife of Ernest A.

Oliver; Frank, who formerly was a member of the Ohio State Legislature, and is now engaged in the livestock business at Crestline; and Fannie, who is her father's housekeeper and devoted attendant.

CAREY A. MICHENER, postmaster at Lykens, O., and, in partnership with his brother, Alva J. Michener, owner and proprietor of a general store here, was born in Venice township, Seneca county, O., in 1881, and is a son of William and Laura (Richie) Michener. The parents and their two sons all live in Crawford county, Alva J. being also a school teacher in addition to being associated with his brother in the store enterprise.

Carey A. Michener attended the local schools and afterward enjoyed three terms of Normal School training at Ada, O., and then went into educational work, for ten years afterward being a teacher in Lykens township. After retiring from the educational field he turned his attention to merchandising and embarked in his present business on Dec. 1, 1909, when he bought the same from M. L. Aurand, in association with his brother. The firm enjoys a large volume of patronage, their honest methods and pleasant personality contributing largely to this prosperity. For the past three years Mr. Michener has served also as postmaster and as a public official has given entire satisfaction.

On Sept. 1, 1909, Mr. Michener was married to Miss Hattie Hartzell, who was born at Bloomville, O., a daughter of Alvin and Savannah (Miller) Hartzell. The father of Mrs. Michener was a boiler maker by trade. His death occurred in 1908 and his burial was in Bloom township, Seneca county. Mrs. Michener has sisters and brothers as follows: Agnes, wife of Albert Owen; Elizabeth, wife of Reed Marquis; and Cora, William and Edward. Mr. and Mrs. Michener attend the Evangelical church. In politics he is a Republican and fraternally is identified with the Knights of Pythias at Lykens, O.

GEORGE W. MILLER, president of the Farmers and Citizens Bank and Savings Company, at Bucyrus, O., and also president of the Home Mutual Fire Insurance Company, has long been a leading citizen of Bucyrus and of

Crawford, his native county. He was born in 1859, in Todd township, and is a son of John D. and Mary (Kaht) Miller.

John D. Miller was born in 1813, in Cumberland county, Pa., a son of George and Catherine (Kex) Miller, who moved in 1837 to Richland county, O. Farming was the occupation of father and sons. John D. Miller continued to reside in Richland county until 1852, when he moved into Crawford county, securing a farm north of Oecola, to the cultivation and improvement of which he devoted the rest of his active years, surviving until 1896, passing away at the age of eighty-three. His first marriage took place in 1840, to Mary Deal, who died in 1852, having been the mother of five children. In 1855 Mr. Miller married Mrs. Mary (Kahl) Barga, a daughter of Henry and Susan (Rank) Kahl, a widow with two children. To this marriage was born one son, George W. Miller, now of Bucyrus.

After securing a fair common school education, George W. Miller attended the Northwestern Normal School at Fostoria and then engaged in teaching school, continuing in educational work for a part of each year, for a protracted period. During the last three years of his career as an instructor, he had charge of the Oecola, O., schools. He has always been greatly interested in the educational advancement of his county and in order to further it has frequently consented to serve on educational bodies. For a number of years his business interests have been important, and as the head of the Farmers and Citizens Bank and Savings Company, he has become relied on as a financier. The security felt by the public in this institution is largely due to his careful and conservative attitude. He has been officially connected with local fire insurance organizations since 1898 and is now president of one of the prosperous and substantial companies of Crawford county. In politics Mr. Miller was reared a Democrat by a father who took a deep interest in the success of Democratic principles. He has frequently been elected to important township offices and served two terms as treasurer of Crawford county, and in the fall of 1911 was elected a delegate to the Constitutional Convention, and made chairman of the Agricultural Committee.

Mr. Miller was married in 1880 to Miss Dell



GEORGE W. MILLER

A. Sigler, a daughter of George E. and Harriet (Horrock) Sigler, who were highly respected residents of Todd township. Mr. and Mrs. Miller lost their only child. They are interested in the quiet social life of the city, are hospitably inclined and have a wide circle of attached friends.

JACOB BOLLERER, who is engaged in the bakery business, at No. 740 East Church Street, Galion, O., is a thoroughly experienced, practical baker, having been in the business for more than 30 years, learning his trade at Wiesloch, in Baden, Germany, where he was born Feb. 10, 1863. He is a son of Jacob and Catherine (Metz) Bollerer.

The parents of Mr. Bollerer were lifelong residents of Baden and the father was in business there during the entire space of his active life. His death occurred in 1888, in his 74th year, he having survived his wife since 1877. They were members of the German Lutheran church and in that faith they reared their three sons and three daughters, all of whom survive, only two of them, however, living in the United States: Jacob and George, the latter being with the Erie Railway Company, in the Galion shops.

After completing his apprenticeship to the baking trade, in his native land, Jacob Bollerer, entered the German Army in which he served faithfully for three years as the laws of his country demand. Believing that the United States offered better business opportunities to young men than Germany or other countries of Europe, in 1888 he left Germany and landed at the harbor of New York and from there came on to Galion. With the exception of seven years he has been continuously in the baking business. He carries on a wholesale and retail business, arranging for an output of 700 to 800 loaves of bread daily, the excellence of which has carried his name over a wide territory and has caused frequent enlargement of his original plant. He has first-class ovens and all the equipment which go to make up a modern bakery according to sanitary regulations. In 1903 he purchased two acres of land on which site stand his buildings and he thus has space for still further expansion.

Mr. Bollerer was married at Galion to Miss Johanna Schnautz who was born near the

birthplace of her husband, Nov. 29, 1865, a daughter of Lonkin and Marie (Steinbrenner) Schnautz, who came from Baden, Germany, to America in 1883 and located at Galion, O., where the father died at the age of 73 years. He was a blacksmith by trade and both he and wife were faithful members of the German Catholic church. They had a family of three sons and four daughters, all of whom married. Nine children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Bollerer, as follows: Catherine, who lives at home; Frederick, who assists his father in the business; Albert, who also assists in the same business; and Emily, Edna, Mary, Johanna, Loretta and Esther. Mr. Bollerer and family are members of the Roman Catholic church. Politically he is a Democrat, while fraternally he is identified with the Owls and the Moose. As a business man Mr. Bollerer stands very high in the city and equally so as a citizen.

DAVID BATCHELDER, president of the Citizens National Bank, at Galion, O., has honorably and ably filled this position for the past 17 years. He was born in Richland county, O., March 22, 1839, where he was reared and had school advantages.

Mr. Batchelder was 23 years old when the Civil War opened and he was one of the patriotic young men who answered the first call of President Lincoln for soldiers, enlisting as a private and being continuously promoted until he was commissioned captain on Nov. 18, 1864, being mustered out on Nov. 23, 1864. He has a fine record and participated in the battles of Chickasaw Bayou, Siege of Vicksburg, Jackson, Grand Couteau, Sabine Cross Roads, Cane River, and Forts Gaines and Morgan. After the war was over he engaged in the shoe business at Johnsville, O., until 1870, when he came to Galion, where he embarked in the fire insurance business, in which he continued until he became identified with the Citizens National Bank of Galion. For eight years he traveled as adjuster for the Pacific Fire Insurance Company and then admitted the late A. M. Mathena to a partnership, the latter's son continuing the old business.

The Citizens National Bank of Galion was established in 1866 and on March 9, 1872, was chartered, its present capital being \$60,000.

with \$41,000 as surplus. For some time prior to being elected president of this old institution, Mr. Batchelder was vice president. The report of its condition at the close of business on Feb. 20, 1912, shows that the affairs of the bank are in a very prosperous condition. The officers are all capitalists, the cashier being A. F. Lowe, and the board of directors: D. Batchelder, J. J. Schafer and H. Gottdiener.

Mr. Batchelder married Miss Anna E. Ross, who was born in Wyoming county, Pa., and they have two children: Alice Adelia, who is a graduate of a college at Painesville, O., and is the wife of C. S. Northrup, formerly city solicitor of Toledo, O., where they reside, they having two children—Katherine M. and John D.; and Henry J., who is in business at Galion. Mr. and Mrs. Batchelder are members of the Baptist church. He is a Knight Templar Mason and belongs to the Blue Lodge and Chapter at Galion. He is a Democrat in National politics but in local matters exercises his own judgment. Mr. Batchelder is numbered with the public spirited citizens and belongs to the Commercial Club.

WILLIAM H. McWHERTER, who is connected with the blacksmith department of the Erie Railway shops at Galion, O., was born in Marion county, O., Sept. 5, 1846, a son of Peter and Mary (Swisher) McWherter.

Peter McWherter was born in Marion county, O., where his Scotch parents had settled as pioneers. He grew up on the old home farm and was 28 years of age when he married Mary Swisher, a native of Cumberland county, Pa., who was brought to what is now Crawford county in 1823. After the death of her first husband she married Henry Bilsing and survived until 1905, dying at the age of 81 years, the death of Mr. Bilsing occurring in 1909, when aged 83 years. In 1867 they had moved to Galion. To Peter McWherter and wife three children were born, two daughters and one son. One daughter, Ellen, was the wife of John Seanor and at death left seven children. The other, Samilda, resides at Galion.

William H. McWherter was married (first) to Miss Alice Neff, who was born at Galion, a daughter of Henry and Isabel (Buckingham) Neff, who came to Galion in 1841, after their marriage in Pennsylvania. Mr. Neff was a

member of the Lutheran church which he attended until his death, in 1884, when aged 71 years. Mrs. Neff was 69 years old when she died in 1882, a member of the United Brethren church. Mrs. McWherter was born in 1854 and died in 1896, the mother of one daughter, May, who was born in 1878. She married Charles King and died in the State of Washington after a residence of 16 months, leaving no issue. Mr. McWherter was married (second) in 1908, at Baltimore, Md., to Miss Florence A. Reagle, who was born at Manchester, Md., in 1872, a daughter of Henry Reagle. The latter was born at Manchester, in February, 1819, and worked there as a carpenter until 1909, when he came to the home of Mr. and Mrs. McWherter, where he died June 3, 1911. Mr. and Mrs. McWherter are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. Politically he is a Republican and for 23 years he was active in the order of Odd Fellows.

PETER H. KEIFER, whose fine farm of 76 acres lies in Lykens township, Crawford county, O., is one of the representative citizens of this section, a veteran of the Civil War and a man who, through industry and prudence, has been successful in his various undertakings. He was born in Bavaria, Germany, Nov. 12, 1843, and is a son of Jacob and Anna (Bool) Keifer.

Jacob Keifer and wife were natives of Germany and the former died in that country when his son, Peter H., was eight years old. By trade he was a millwright. In 1853 the mother came to America with her children and subsequently located in Ohio.

Peter H. Keifer was ten years old when he accompanied his mother to the United States. He was one of the following children born to his parents: Emma, deceased, who was the wife of Charles Stuckey; Mary and Jacob, both of whom are deceased; Adam; Louise, who is the widow of John Wax; Peter H.; and Margaret.

While attending school, Peter H. Keifer provided for himself by working for his board and lived on a farm until January, 1864, when he enlisted for service in the Civil War, entering Co. H, 55th O. Vol. Inf. in which he served until the close of the war and was honorably discharged in June, 1865, at Louisville, Ky.,

having participated in the great march to the sea under General Sherman. He then learned the carpenter trade, which he followed about 25 years. Mr. Keifer then bought 40 acres of land in Lykens township and began farming for himself and later added 40 more acres, but subsequently sold four acres to the railroad company, which reduced his farm to 76 acres, all of which, with the exception of three acres, is tillable. He carries on a general farming line and raises sufficient good stock for home use.

On June 28, 1870, Mr. Keifer was married to Miss Sarah Feighner, who was born in Stark county, O., but was reared in Crawford county, a daughter of John and Margaret (Gratz) Feighner, both now deceased. To Mr. and Mrs. Feighner the following children were born: Sarah; Ellen, deceased, who was the wife of Lewis Angene; James; L. C. and Ellen.

Mr. and Mrs. Keifer have two sons Richard and Charles. The former who is superintendent of the Upper Sandusky schools, married Ida Sanford and they have had the following children—Herbert, Homer, Walter, Paul and Helen, deceased, Charles, the younger son, is ticket agent with the Big Four Railroad, and he married Nettie Rhodes and has one son, Herold. Mr. Keifer and family attend the Baptist church. Politically he has always been a Republican and for 18 consecutive years served as a justice of the peace and has held other responsible offices, for two years being assessor, three years township clerk and one year constable. He belongs to Robert's Post, G. A. R., to the Odd Fellows at Lykens and to the Masons at Bloomville, O.

HOMER COX, one of the trusted and valued employes of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, a corporation that is noted for the care with which it selects its men and also for the just treatment it accords them, has been in the service since August, 1890, when he began as a fireman, being steadily advanced until he now is engineer on the longest run in the whole system. He has spent the greater part of his life at Crestline, and was born in Crawford county, April 23, 1862, a son of William and Elizabeth (Bleeks) Cox.

William Cox and wife were born in Wayne

county, O., both being of Pennsylvania parentage. They were reared in Ohio and married in Crawford county and spent the rest of their lives on their farm in Crawford township, where his death occurred in December, 1900, at the age of 70 years. His widow survived him four years, being then aged about 75 years. They were parents of five children: Maria, who died after marriage, leaving no issue; Mary, who married Madison Flohr, lives at Newton Falls, O. and has two daughters—Maybell and Hazel; Adelaide, who is survived by her husband, Henry Orewiler; Homer, our subject; and Everett, who resides in the far West.

Homer Cox attended school in Liberty township and then entered railroad life with which he has been identified continuously ever since. After serving for eight years as a fireman for the present company, he was promoted to be an engineer and has continued his connection with the freight department, and his appointment, two years ago, to the Pitcairn run, was an evidence of confidence and appreciation. He has never had a serious accident and has never been injured and his record speaks for itself of his carefulness, caution and railroad efficiency. He is an active and valued member of the B. L. of E., belonging to Division No. 306, and for four years has been chief of this division and has been a delegate to the last two Biennial Conventions. He is also a member of the General Committee of the Adjustment of the entire northwest system of the Pennsylvania, and this indicates that he is a broad minded and well informed man.

Mr. Cox was married in Richland county, O., to Miss Carrie Brown, who was born in Crawford county in 1864 but was reared and educated in Richland county, a daughter of G. C. and Caroline (Richardson) Brown. The father of Mrs. Cox is a retired merchant living at Shelby, O., but her mother died in 1908, at the age of 67 years. Mr. and Mrs. Cox have two children: Harry A. and Ethel May. Harry A., who will celebrate his 27th birthday in February, 1913, is chief engineer of the heating and electric lighting company of Middletown, N. Y., married Myrtle Shumaker of Crawford county, and they have one daughter, Mary E., who was born Aug. 9, 1911. Ethel May, who was born at Richmond, Va., gradu-

ated with her brother from the Crestline High School in the class of 1908. She is the wife of Wilber Jones, who is an engineer with the Pennsylvania Railway, on the Conway Division. Mr. Cox erected the first residence in the block in which he lives, his home being at No. 623 West Bucyrus Street.

A. A. ARNOLD, superintendent of the Galion Metallic Grave Vault Company, of Galion, O., and one of its organizers, incorporators and directors, was born at Mt. Vernon, O., Aug. 7, 1862, and is a son of George William and Elizabeth (Austin) Arnold.

Both parents of Mr. Arnold were born in England, the father in the great city of London, and the mother in beautiful County Kent. They were married in the city of London and when they started for the United States in 1856, they had one daughter, Ellen, the eldest of their children. She is the wife of John Dice, a locomotive engineer, and they reside at Galion and have two children. Four more children were born, the two survivors being: Mamie, who is the wife of Frank Brown, a barber, and lives at Muncie, Ind., having two daughters; and A. A., of Galion. The Arnold family resided at first in Cleveland, O., and from there moved to Mt. Vernon, and in 1864 to Galion, where the father died in 1876 and the mother in 1894. They were members of the Episcopal church.

A. A. Arnold attended school at Galion until he was 14 years of age and then entered upon an apprenticeship to the machinist's trade, afterward entering the Erie Railroad shops and two years later was promoted to be foreman of a department, afterward general foreman and still later received his degree of master mechanics. In 1904 Mr. Arnold became interested in his present enterprise and the Galion Metallic Grave Vault Company was organized as a corporation, its business being the manufacturing of steel grave vaults and was the first to construct an open end grave vault. These vaults are made of the best steel and in sizes ranging from a child's body to what is called the Mammoth, the last named weighing as much as 500 pounds. Fifty

people are given employment at the plant and in the business, and sales are pushed all over the country, Mr. Arnold finding his time fully occupied in looking after the same.

At Galion, O., Mr. Arnold was married to Miss Ella Johnson, who was born in Ontario, Canada, in 1868, came to Galion in her 19th year and died here Aug. 30, 1910. She was a devout member of the Episcopal church, to which Mr. Arnold and their one son also belong. The latter, Roy J., is a graduate of the Galion High School. Mr. Arnold was married (second) to Mrs. Emma Louise (Biehl) Fox, who has been a lifelong resident of Galion. By her first marriage she had one son, William Fox, who is a student in the Galion High School. In politics Mr. Arnold is moderately active and votes with the Republican party. He belongs to the Masonic Blue Lodge and Chapter.

CHARLES ODER, who, in association with his wife, owns a fine farm of 160 acres, which lies in Texas township, Crawford county, O., was born in Seneca County, O., a son of Edward and Elizabeth (Chamberlain) Oder.

One of the early settlers in Seneca county was Edward Oder, who was born in Logan county, O. After marriage in Seneca county he followed farming there and as a respected and reliable man, a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and one of the leading Democrats in his neighborhood. His family consisted of the following children: Nancy, who is the wife of D. M. Eastman; and Charles, the subject of this article. The mother of these children died in March, 1865, and later he married Elizabeth Pfau and they had two children: Jennie, who is the widow of Elmer Rhodes, and Frederick.

Charles Oder has devoted himself entirely to his farm pursuits since his school days and for the past 17 years has lived on this farm, which he purchased from his father-in-law, H. Shalters. He cultivates the grains which experience has proved do best in this section and sufficient stock is raised for his own use. He is an industrious, sensible man, well informed as to public matters and interested in all things that are important to this particular

part of his native state. He votes the Republican ticket, and is serving in his second term as township trustee.

In 1884 Mr. Oder was married to Miss Laura Shalters, a daughter of H. and Mary (Clark) Shalters. Mrs. Oder has one brother, Frank. To Mr. and Mrs. Oder three children were born, namely: Glenn, who married Florence Sponseller, and has two children—Kenneth and Evelyn; Mary, who is the wife of Albert Gregg; and Clark, who married Hazel Lee, and has one son, Lee Albert. Mr. and Mrs. Oder attend the Methodist Episcopal church.

PORTER F. RHOADS, whose connection with the great Pennsylvania Railroad system dates back to May 17, 1872, has a clear record for fidelity and efficiency during all these years and the confidence and esteem that he feels for his company is mutually felt by its officers. He was born at Haney Creek Junction, Seneca county, O., Nov. 19, 1853, and in 1859 was brought to Crestline, by his parents, William and Julia A. (Shade) Rhoads.

William Rhoads was born in Pennsylvania and his wife in Columbiana county, O. They were married in Seneca county and afterward he followed his trade of carpenter at Haney Creek until 1859, when, as noted above, he came to Crawford county and continued to work at his trade here almost to the time of his death, in 1900. He as a stanch Republican and with his wife belonged to the English Lutheran church. His widow, born in 1829, survived him for eight years. They had five children, as follows: Eliza, who is the wife of Frank Reeves of Columbus, O., and has six children; Porter F., subject of this article; Frank, who has been with the Pennsylvania Railroad at Crestline since 1879, and who is married and has a family; Ella, deceased, who was the wife of John Sears of Mansfield; and Sherman, who is a resident of Mansfield and a commercial traveler.

Porter F. Rhoads attended the public schools of Crestline and since then has been continuously connected with the Pennsylvania Railroad. In 1872 his name went first on the books of this road, in 1873 he was made a yard brakeman and in 1875 began as brakeman of Division B, Crestline to Alliance. On

May 17, 1881, he was made conductor on Division B, and eight years afterward was given a crew and a run from Crestline to Conway, Pa. In June, 1910, appreciation and confidence was shown him by his appointment to what is considered the best run on the road, that being to Piteairn, Pa., consisting of 208 miles. Railroad life, at best, is one of hazard and to avoid accident year after year, under all conditions, including weather, indicates a caution and measure of judgment that marks the highest type of railroad man.

Mr. Rhoads was married (first) to Miss Lucretia Dodane, who was born and reared in Crawford county and died at her home at Crestline, in 1901, at the age of 42 years, survived by no issue. Mr. Rhoads was married (second) to Mrs. Carrie (Perman) Carlin, who was born in 1856, in Morrow county, O., where her parents, Michael and Margaret (Fisher) Perman, had settled when they came from Germany. The Permans secured Government land and the father developed it into a valuable farm. Mrs. Rhoads was reared by her parents in the German Reformed church. She was married (first) to Edward Carlin and the following children were born to them: Margaret, who is the wife of Albert Menes of Crestline and has one daughter, Norma; Bertha, who is the wife of George Gresner, of Crestline, and has one son, Roy; Nora, who is the wife of Barley Neff, residing in Canton, and has five children—Ray, Harold, Maria, Ralph and Donald; Abaline, who is the wife of Richard Freeman, of Crestline; Charles, who lives at home; Lena, who is the wife of Clyde Kirby, and has one son, Kenneth; Agnes, who is the wife of Robert Nelson, of Pittsburg, Pa.; and Louis, who died at the age of 21 years. Mr. Rhoads and wife have no children. He belongs to the English Lutheran church. Since 1882 he has been a member of the Railway Conductors' organization and belongs also to the Knights of Pythias.

ALLEN A. CRAWFORD, a member of the board of county commissioners of Crawford county, O., was born near Mt. Gilead, Morrow county, O., May 20, 1856, six months after the death of his father. His parents were Allen and Ann (McAtee) Crawford and

on both sides of the family his ancestry is Irish.

Alexander Crawford, the grandfather, who was one of the pioneers of this family in Ohio, was born in Ireland. His parents came to America and settled in Licking county, O., and moved from there to Morrow county, at a very early day, Alexander crossing the Atlantic Ocean some years afterward and joining the other members of the family. He followed an agricultural life and lived to the age of 75 years. His wife, Mary Eckles, probably was born in West Virginia, and they had a family of four sons and three daughters. The only survivor of that family is the youngest born, Joseph, now in his 87th year, residing at Cameron, Mo.

Allen Crawford, the eldest son of Alexander Crawford, was born in 1818, either in Licking or Morrow county, being reared in the latter and at the age of 23 years was married at Mt. Gilead, O., to Ann McAtee, who was born in 1817, in Loudoun county, Va., a daughter of Colley and Della (Ashford) McAtee. They moved from Virginia to Morrow county in 1829. Allen Crawford died in Boone, Boone county, Ia., Oct. 4, 1855, leaving four sons; Theodore, who is engaged in farming in Holt county, Neb., and who married Sarah Berry, and has five sons and one daughter; James, who owns a fine farm on the state line between South Dakota and Nebraska, who married Nancy Johnson and has two sons and two daughters; William, who is located near his brother, in South Dakota, and who married Mary Sparks; and Allen A., the subject of this sketch.

Allen A. Crawford was reared by an uncle, Floyd McAtee, and obtained a good, common school education. A natural inclination directed his early business efforts to agricultural pursuits, including the raising of stock, particularly horses, and in the course of years he became widely known over the state as a successful breeder of fine livestock. He gave much attention to the improvement of horse stock in his section and for a long period was considered an authority along this line, and has been officially connected with agricultural associations and those bodies that encouraged the development of speed in horseflesh, and in this connection has owned many valuable

animals. Mr. Crawford is an ardent Democrat and his party in Morrow county first elected him a county commissioner, where he overcame a large Republican majority, and in November, 1910, he was elected a county commissioner of Crawford county.

Mr. Crawford was married first in 1877, to Miss Jennie James, who died in 1883. In 1888 he married Miss Cora Thomas, who was born and reared near Mt. Gilead, O. They enjoy a beautiful home at Galion, O., and they are members of the Methodist Episcopal church in that city. Mr. Crawford is identified with the Knights of Pythias, the Odd Fellows and the U. T. C.

JACOB HOLCKER, carriage manufacturer, vice president and secretary of the Holcker Bros. Buggy Co., at Crestline, O., is one of the solid, substantial and representative citizens and a member of a family that has contributed largely in the last quarter of a century to the prosperity of this section, along industrial lines. He was born in Bavaria, Germany, April 26, 1846, and is a son of Philip and Charlotte (Dietz) Holcker.

The parents of Mr. Holcker lived and died in their native neighborhood, the father passing away on his estate, at the age of 78 years and the mother when aged 68 years. He was a man of industry during his active years and understood and followed both blacksmithing and carriage and wagon making.

Jacob Holcker grew up in his native place and secured a fair German education and then learned the trade of carriage smith. He early cherished a desire to come to the United States but remained in his own land until after he had complied with the law in regard to army service, then secured his passport and in 1868 set sail for America and was safely landed in the harbor of New York. From there he came to Bucyrus, O., there to join his brother, Louis Holcker, who had preceded him by two years, and the brothers went into business together at North Robinson, in Crawford county. In 1870 their brother, Charles Holcker, joined them and since then has been closely connected with their joint manufacturing interests.

The history of the Holcker Bros. Buggy Co. dates back to 1873, when the three

brothers above mentioned, Louis, Jacob and Charles, established themselves as a firm at Crestline, coming from North Robinson. Here they first put up a frame shop on Seltzer street, in the heart of the town, and in the course of a comparatively short period had to enlarge their facilities, a brick addition being first added to the plant and this being supplemented with still further additions until now a half block is covered with substantial buildings, the plant extending 300 feet back from Seltzer street to the Big Four Railway. The product of this plant is sold all over the country, their traveling men covering the main business sections of the United States. Constant employment is afforded 35 skilled workmen for no buggy or carriage ever leaves this factory unless a careful inspection proves that it is first class in material and perfect in mechanical construction. The firm has built up a name for honest workmanship that is a valued asset. In 1888, Louis Holcker withdrew and went to Kansas City, Mo., where he embarked in a similar business and prospered, continuing until recent years, when he retired. The business at Crestline was continued by Jacob and Charles Holcker and had a steady growth and in 1902 was incorporated with a paid up capital of \$50,000, and was officered as follows: Charles Holcker, president and treasurer; and Jacob Holcker, vice president and secretary. The board of directors include the above officers and additionally, William Monteith, C. F. Frank and Joe Schill, all of Crestline. At the present date of writing (1912) Jacob Holcker has practically retired but retains his official position, his name having great weight in the commercial world. Like his brothers, Mr. Holcker is a member of the German Reformed church. They all are of the same political faith and Charles Holcker has been quite prominent in Democratic circles and has served as a member of the city council and for some years on the board of Public Affairs.

Jacob Holcker was married at Crestline, O., to Miss Magdalena Plocher, who was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, Nov. 19, 1855, and came to the United States and to Crestline, in 1872. She died at her home here, Jan. 31, 1900. In every relation of life she was an

admirable woman and is tenderly remembered by family and a wide circle of friends. She was a devoted member of the German Reformed church. Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Holcker: a babe that died early; Charlotta Maria, who completed her education in the Crestline High School, and who married Charles E. Brown, who is an engineer with the Pennsylvania Railway and has two children—Olive Magdalena and David Holcker; and Louise C., who is the wife of Dr. D. W. Peppard, a successful physician at Mansfield, O. Dr. and Mrs. Peppard have three children: Gretchen Louise, Ruth Bettina and Heloise. After graduating from the Crestline High School, Mrs. Peppard taught German in the public schools for some years. The family is socially prominent.

HENRY W. HUNSICKER, a well-known farmer of Lykens township, who is at present serving his township as treasurer, operates a 160-acre farm owned by his mother. He was born in Lykens township, Aug. 12, 1884, being a son of William and Catherine (Lust) Hunsicker.

Jacob Hunsicker, father of William and grandfather of Henry W., was born in Germany. After emigrating to America he located first in New York state where he met and married Miss Matilda Knerieman, also a native of Germany. From New York they removed to Stark county, O., and it was there on April 15, 1842, that William Hunsicker was born. In 1851 the family again moved, this time coming to Crawford county and locating in Chatfield township.

William Hunsicker grew up on the farm and all his subsequent life was spent in tilling the soil together with threshing. He was married on Nov. 24, 1874, to Miss Catherine Lust, who was born Dec. 30, 1850, and was a daughter of Conrad and Magdalena Lust. In April of the year following their marriage Mr. and Mrs. William Hunsicker moved to a farm of 160 acres in Lykens township, on which he erected good buildings and made many improvements. To him and his wife were born the following children: Peter Franklin, Magdalena Elizabeth, John Wesley, Charles Simon, Henry W. and Laura Ellen.

William Hunsicker is now deceased but his wife still lives on the 100-acre farm in Lykens township, owning also a tract of 80 acres in this township. She is, as was her husband, a member of the German Methodist church.

Henry W. Hunsicker, the direct subject of this sketch, after completing a common school education, spent one year at the Ohio Northern University at Ada, Ohio, and one term in the Ohio State University at Columbus. He then went to work on his mother's farm and has since operated it for her. He has also become well known in his locality as an auctioneer.

Henry W. Hunsicker is a member of the Knights of Pythias at Lykens and of the Grange at Brokensword. He attends the Reformed church and in politics is a Democrat, as was also his father.

E. W. HADLEY, one of the best known citizens of Crestline, O., with which place he has been identified since its founding, is yet one of its active business men, for a number of years since retiring from railroading, having been engaged in the grocery business. He was born in Richland county, O., Jan. 16, 1833, a son of Savannah and Martha (Riddle) Hadley.

Smith Hadley, the grandfather, was born and grew to manhood in New York and there married Mary Van Norman, probably of Holland birth. They were very early settlers in Richland county, O., where they lived into old age.

Savannah Hadley, father of E. W. Hadley, was also born in New York and was a young man when his parents came to Richland county, where he followed farming until late in life, when he moved to Noble county, Ind.; where he died at the age of 83 years. In Richland county he married Martha Riddle, of Scotch-Irish descent, whose parents, James and Margaret (Marshall) Riddle, were pioneer settlers, the former being born in Ireland in the latter in Scotland. Twelve children were born to Savannah Hadley and wife, five of whom are yet living, E. W. being the fourth born of the family.

E. W. Hadley was reared in Richland county and there attended the district schools. In 1852 he came to what is now Crestline, it

then being but a flag station surrounded by heavy timber. For some years he worked at getting out heavy timber and in a saw mill for the Big Four Railroad, then in course of construction, and afterward became a brakeman on the road and in three months was given a place as conductor and for 26 years he worked as a conductor on the Pennsylvania Railroad. After retiring he purchased his present store and has continued in the grocery business ever since. In politics Mr. Hadley is a Republican and has been an active factor in his party in the county, for about 12 years a delegate to the county conventions and at present is serving as a member of the county central committee and as a member of the board of elections.

Mr. Hadley was married in Richland county to Miss Eliza P. Garver, who was born in Ashland county, O., and died at Crestline, April 22, 1901, aged 62 years. She was an admirable woman in every relation of life and the mother of five children: Augusta A., who is her father's housekeeper; Horace G., who was accidentally killed in a railroad accident at Lucas, O., when aged 24 years; Martha E., who resides at Crestline; Frank E., who was a railroad man for a time and died at St. Louis, Mo., when aged 46 years; and Minnie May, who taught school for some years and at present assists in her father's store.

BENJAMIN F. LAUCK, a representative business man of Bucyrus, O., dealing largely in wool, was born May 27, 1839, in Crawford county, O., not far from this city, and is a son of George and Mary (Deardoff) Lauck, and a grandson of Peter Lauck.

Peter Lauck was born in Holland, married there and together he and wife came to America about the time of the Revolutionary War, locating in Lancaster county, Pa., where he became a successful farmer. His wife died there at the age of 78 years and afterward, Peter Lauck came to Ohio and died at the home of his son, near Bucyrus. His family consisted of two sons and two daughters: George; Lydia, who married a Mr. Diller, of York County, Pa., where their son lived and died; Mary, who married a Mr. Fries; and John, who was a farmer and miller in Perry county, Pa.

George Lauck was born in Lancaster county, Pa., in 1800 and died in 1852 on his farm in Crawford county, O., to which state he had come in 1827. He married Mary Deardoff, in Lancaster county, a member of a well known old Pennsylvania Dutch family, and her death occurred in 1859. They were members of the Lutheran church. George Lauck was prominent and influential in the Democratic party in Crawford county and served in local offices and three terms as county treasurer. To George and Mary Lauck the following children were born: John, who died at the age of two years; Jane, who married Andrew Faylor, formerly a merchant at Bucyrus but later a resident of Iowa, where both he and wife died, leaving seven children—Emma, Andrew, George, Mary, Samuel, Charles and Frank; Amanda, who was the wife of Judge Josiah S. Plantz, both now deceased, who had four children—Justinian, Gailor, Frank and Anna; Henrietta, deceased, who was the wife of C. W. Fisher and left six children—Mary, deceased, Edwin, Charles, Frank, Blanche and Grace, deceased; Nettie, who married L. B. Lyday and died in Texas, while Mr. Lyday died at Indianapolis, Ind., they having had four children, the one survivor being Mary, who lives with her family in California; Benjamin F., whose name heads this article; and George, who died at Toledo, O. For some years he was a merchant at Bucyrus. He and wife were survived by four children: Clarence, Stella and Ella, twins, and Mary.

Benjamin F. Lauck was educated at Bucyrus, later was a student at Wittenberg College and still later had educational advantages at Newton, Ia. In 1860 he went into the grocery business but closed it out shortly afterward in order to become a soldier in answer to President Lincoln's call for volunteers. He enlisted in Co. I, 86th O. Vol. Inf., and served four months under Captain Stone and Col. Burns, in this connection, and then reenlisted, becoming a member of the 57th O. Vol. Inf., under Captain Skelton and Colonel Munyon, and one year later was honorably discharged at Black River, Miss. He participated in the siege of Vicksburg and the following battles: Deer Creek, Haines' Bluff, Jackson, Chapin Mills, Blue Ridge, Chickamauga, Holly Springs, Black River Bridge and many others

and saw hard and continuous service. He was ever at the post of duty and was a cheerful, efficient and dependable soldier.

For some years following his army experience, he was a clerk in business houses and in 1866 he embarked in the dry goods business with a partner, under the firm name of Fisher & Lauck, which continued for nine years. Failing health caused Mr. Lauck to retire from the above firm and for some years afterward he traveled as a representative of a grocery house. In 1886 he became a partner in a grain buying house and continued for 21 years and then went into the wool buying business, purchasing largely for Jeremiah Williams & Co., of Boston, Mass. He has the northwestern part of Ohio as his territory and in 1911 handled the enormous amount of 700,000 pounds of wool. He is widely known and has both business and personal friends in every section.

Mr. Lauck was married at Plymouth, O., in 1860 to Miss Laura E. Bodine, who was born in Cayuga county, N. Y., Feb. 1, 1838. She was one year old when her parents, Peter and Susan (Erving) Bodine, moved to Plymouth, O. Peter Bodine was born in 1784, in Pennsylvania, and his wife in 1796, in New Jersey. They were married in 1814 at Niles, N. Y. Her father, Peter Erving, was a native of England and later came to the colonies and served as an officer in the Patriot army. Peter and Susan Bodine came to Richland county in 1837 and he acquired much land and became a man of substance. His death occurred there Sept. 20, 1849. His widow survived until Oct. 28, 1868, her death occurring at the home of Mrs. Lauck. They were members of the Presbyterian church. Of their 12 children, three are living. One daughter is the widow of D. R. Locke, the author of the Nasby Letters, once editor of the Bucyrus Journal, founder of the Plymouth Advertiser and later owner of the Toledo Blade, which she yet owns. One daughter, Martina, who is the widow of Alfred Parks, was married first to Daniel Locke, a brother of D. R. Locke. She resides at Bucyrus and has a family.

Mr. and Mrs. Lauck have had three children: Anna L., who is the widow of James Franey, and has one daughter, Marion Alice,

who was born Nov. 13, 1896; Frank B., a machinist by trade, who is shop superintendent in one of the large plants at Bucyrus; and James L., who died in 1908. He was a merchant. He married Grace Reed, of Mansfield, O., who survived him for two years.

In politics Mr. Lauck is a Republican and has always been an active and interested citizen. He served five terms, eleven years, as a member of the city council. He is past commander of Keller Post, No. 128, G. A. R., Bucyrus, and is a Royal Arch Mason.

HARVEY CANDEL, one of the representative citizens and public officials of Lykens township, Crawford county, O., resides on his excellent farm of 130 acres and belongs to one of the old county families. He was born in Whetstone township, Nov. 12, 1875, and is a son of Elias and Sarah (Shupp) Candel.

Elias Candel was well known in Crawford county. By trade he was a tile maker and he established the Candel factory in Lykens township, which is now operated as the Zellner factory. He died and was buried at Broken-sword by the side of his wife in the Evangelical church cemetery. They were parents of the following children: Harvey; Clarence; Cora, wife of Marion H. Kline; Ada, wife of Robert Reamsnyder; and Florence, wife of Roy Gatchell.

Harvey Candel attended the public schools and after the death of his father, when he was 18 years of age, took charge of the tile factory and conducted the same for his mother for five years. He then purchased 50 acres of land and cultivated it and when his mother died, he bought the tile plant and operated it for seven years. After disposing of the tile works he bought 80 acres of land adjoining his first purchase and has continued here as a general farmer and moderate stock raiser. He is also engaged, to some extent in contracting in concrete work. In politics he is a Democrat and is now serving very satisfactorily in the office of turnpike road commissioner.

In 1899 Mr. Candel was married to Miss Louisa Laipply, who was born in Lykens township, a daughter of Simeon and Matilda (Bower) Laipply, who still reside on their farm in Holmes township. Mrs. Candel has the fol-

lowing brothers and sisters: Adam; Elizabeth, wife of John Volkmer; Frederick; Abraham; Rosa, wife of Herbert Aurand; William; and Pearl, wife of Lloyd Zellner.

Mr. and Mrs. Candel have six children, namely: Edison, Arthur, Alverta, Gladys, Harry and Lloyd. They are members and active workers in the Evangelical church.

FRANCIS MARION FOSTER,* who has been a resident of Crestline, O., where he now lives retired, for 40 years, for 36 of these was a faithful and valued employe of the great Pennsylvania Railroad Company. He was born in Bracken county, Ky., in July, 1841, a son of James and Prudence (Knight) (Walker) Foster.

On the paternal side Mr. Foster's ancestors came from Scotland and Ireland and were early settlers in Tennessee. Grandfather Foster was born in Tennessee and was married seven times and survived all his wives, the fourth one being the grandmother of Francis M. Foster of Crestline and was the mother of four children, one of whom was James Foster. He was born near Knoxville, Tenn., in 1817. In early life a farmer, he later became mate on a Mississippi River steamboat, but afterward returned to his farm and died at St. Louis, Mo., in 1869. Prior to the Civil War he was a Democrat but afterward was identified with the Republican party. He married Prudence Knight Walker, who was a first cousin of Hon. James G. Blaine, and was born in Westmoreland county, Pa. After the death of her husband she came to Crestline and for 32 years was a member of the household of her son, Francis Marion Foster, where her death occurred in January, 1900, when her age was 82 years, 2 months and 18 days. Her grandfather Knight died while serving in the War of 1812. During the life of her husband she attended the Baptist church, to which he belonged, but later she united with the Presbyterian church. She was the revered mother of four sons, all of whom grew to manhood and three married, Francis Marion being the eldest and the only one living.

Francis M. Foster was 15 years of age when his parents moved to Indiana and later to Illinois. When he started out for himself he entered railroad life as an employe of the old

I. & St. L. line and engaged in construction work for one year and then became fireman, later a brakeman on the Illinois Central Railroad and still later, on the O. & M. Railway, which is now the B. & O., southwest. In 1872 he came to Crestline and accepted a position as freight conductor with the Pennsylvania Railroad, beginning a connection that lasted for 36 years, when he retired with a clean record, this move being made at his own request, when he was 68 years of age, his pension being dated August 1, 1909. Mr. Foster is well and favorably known to all railroad men in this section and is highly esteemed by the company he served so long and by his comrades who had confidence in his skill and knowledge and affection and admiration for him as a man. Since 1885 he has been a member of the order of Railway Conductors and was a charter member of the division order at Alliance, O., known as Division No. 177, with which he has always been in good standing. From 1875 until 1885 he was chief conductor in the old order of Brotherhood Conductors, when that organization had its headquarters at Crestline. Aside from his own business, Mr. Foster has also been a progressive and energetic worker and a useful and public spirited citizen. In politics he has been a supporter of the policies of the Republican party since the close of the second administration of President Cleveland. In 1881 he became a Mason and belongs to the Blue Lodge and Chapter at Crestline, actively interested in the fraternity and living up to its teachings.

On June 20, 1872, in Knox county, O., Mr. Foster was married to Miss Mary E. Wertz, who was born in Holmes county, O., where she was reared and educated. Mr. and Mrs. Foster had three children: Charles H., whose lamented death occurred in his 26th year, and who married Josephine Dunlap who survives with their daughter, Marion, now 14 years old; Ira G., a funeral director at Crestline, who married Almira Geiger, and has one son, Eugene Francis; and Benjamin, who died at the age of seven months. Mrs. Foster died Dec. 23, 1906. Mr. Foster is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, as was his wife.

ABRAHAM SCHIEFER, one of the enterprising farmers of Lykens township, Crawford county, O., who owns 93 acres and also operates 80 acres for his father, was born in Holmes township, Crawford county, O., April 16, 1866, and is a son of Christopher G. and Sarah Ann (Miller) Schiefer.

Christopher G. Schiefer was born in Germany, July 11, 1824, and is one of Lykens township's venerable and respected citizens. He married Sarah Ann Miller, who was born in Texas township, Crawford county, O., who died in 1907, her burial being in the Broken-sword Cemetery. They were parents of the following children: Sarah, deceased, who was the wife of Lewis Schiefer; Jacob F., Isaac and Abraham; and Amanda, who is the wife of C. H. Ahlefeld. Mr. Schiefer is one of the oldest members of the Evangelical church in this section, in which he and wife were active for many years. He is identified politically with the Republican party.

Abraham Schiefer attended the local schools during boyhood and one term at New Washington in the High School, and afterward, for one term was in the Normal School at Ada, O., since when he has given the home farm attention and has devoted himself almost exclusively to agricultural activities. In 1887 he was married to Miss Emma J. Smith, who was born in Crawford county, a daughter of Frederick and Lucy Ann (Shupp) Smith. The father of Mrs. Schiefer was a substantial farmer and a well known man. He was married (first) to Christabel Lipman, who was born May 15, 1815, and died June 2, 1846, the mother of four children: Louis F., Herman, John F. and Adolphus G. He was married (second) to Lucy Ann Shupp, and to that marriage the following children were born: Clara, who is the widow of Joseph Laipply; Christabel, who is deceased; Cornelius W.; Martha and Matilda, both of whom are deceased; Catherine, who is the wife of Jacob Meck; Frederick T.; Henry W.; Lucy Ann; Jefferson I.; Emma J., who is the wife of Mr. Schiefer; L. Melancton; and Sarepta G., who is the wife of Clarence H. Flickinger.

Mr. and Mrs. Schiefer have eight children, as follows: Guy Arden, Charles Richard, Harry Edwin, Christopher Frederick, James Gerald, Russell Washington, Helen Camile

and Dorothy Rebecca. They have been given excellent educational and other advantages and are intelligent and interesting young people. The family attends the Evangelical church. Nominally Mr. Schiefer is a Republican but there are occasions when he is led into depending entirely upon his own good judgment in casting his vote. He has served his township on the school board and as land appraiser and for two terms was assessor. He is now representing the Crawford County Insurance Company as its agent in this section. For some years he has been an active member of the Grange, at Brokensword.

FREDERICK STAIR,* manager and superintendent of the Western Union Telegraph Company offices and also of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company offices at Crestline, O., was born near Orville, O., Jan. 11, 1865, attended the public schools there and spent one year in a Normal School, after which he became a telegraph operator.

After learning his profession at Orville, Mr. Stair accepted a position in 1885 with the Wheeling & Lake Erie Railroad and later became connected with the Pennsylvania system at Pittsburg, three years was with the same corporation at Wooster, O., and in 1893 came to Crestline as an operator under C. N. Frye. In 1899 he succeeded Mr. Frye, who then became manager of the District Telegraph Company at Columbus. Mr. Stair thus became manager of the Crestline office and additionally, is wire chief of the Pennsylvania lines from Crestline to Alliance. Mr. Stair is an interested and active citizen of Crestline and for some time has been clerk of the city school board.

At Crestline, Mr. Stair was married to Miss Flora Hoffman, who was born in this city in 1869 and has survived her parents. Four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Stair: Ethel, who is a member of the class of 1913, in the Crestline High School; Helen, who is a Junior in the High School; Madge and Charles, both of whom are in the High School; and F. Wayne, who is preparing for the same in the grade schools. Mr. Stair and family are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, of which he has been treasurer for some years, and for three years was Sun-

day-school superintendent and at present is teacher of the Bible class. In politics he is affiliated with the Democratic party.

FRANK LA RUE, an honored veteran of the great Civil War and one of the best known and most highly respected citizens of Lykens township, Crawford county, O., in which section lies his valuable farm of 140 acres, was born in Seneca county, O., July 22, 1842, a son of J. B. and Jane (Gray) La Rue.

The parents of Mr. La Rue were both born in the State of New York and did not come to Crawford county but settled in Seneca county after marriage and there the father became a substantial farmer. They were members of the Free Will Baptist church, most worthy people in every relation of life. Their ashes rest in the Rock Creek Cemetery in Seneca county. Seven children were born to them: Frank, Charles, C. W., Levi G., George, Janette, and Albertus, of whom all are deceased except Frank and C. W.

Frank La Rue attended the public schools and afterward spent one year at Hillsdale College and then taught one term of school. He then enlisted for service in the Civil War, becoming a private in Co. K, 45th O. Vol. Inf., and remained a soldier for three years, less 28 days, during this time bravely facing death on many a battle field. He survived, however, to return home although numerous comrades were left behind, many in unknown graves. Mr. La Rue very soon afterward settled down to the peaceful pursuits of agriculture and continued a farmer and stock raiser as long as he remained in active life and then turned over his responsibilities to his capable sons. A general farming line is carried on, stock for home use is raised and something of a specialty is made of Delaine sheep. A combination of fertile land and careful methods of cultivating it, has resulted in bountiful crops and financial independence.

Mr. La Rue was married Feb. 20, 1868, to Miss Ardella Waller, who was born in Crawford county and has passed her life here. Her people, L. M. and Arletta (Cory) Waller, were old settlers and her father became a man of large estate. After the death of his first wife, Mr. Waller married Ann Jane Yingling and they had one child that died in infancy.

To Mr. and Mrs. La Rue the following children have been born: Charles, a civil engineer, who married Gertrude Blazer and has one son, Baxter B.; L. W., who is one of the home farmers; Cora, who is a successful school teacher, having taught for five years and afterwards graduated from college at Ada, O.; Ralph W., who married Edith Flickinger, and has two children—Forest and Stanley; Guy G.; Harry G., who married Mabel Caldwell, and has two children—Ellen G. and Lois Marion; James O.; Edna; F. E.; and Gertrude. Mr. La Rue and sons are Republicans as was the father of the former from the organization of the Republican party. He is a member of the Grange at Brokensword and belongs also to the G. A. R. and the Knights of Pythias. The family attends the Baptist church.

JOHN W. RONDY, who has numerous business interests in Crawford county, O., and is a director and stockholder in the Weaver Bros. Company, extensive dealers in grain and other commodities at Crestline, and one of the incorporators of this company, was born in Richland county, O., Feb. 28, 1873, and is a son of Jacob and Catherine (Sutter) Rondy.

Jacob Rondy was born at Nassau, Germany, in 1840, and was three years old when his parents came to the United States. They secured Government land in Sharon township, Richland county, O., and Mathias Rondy cleared and improved the same and it subsequently became the property of his son Jacob, who still resides there, being now in his 72nd year. His father lived to the unusual age of 96 years, retaining all his faculties to the day of his death. To Jacob Rondy and wife nine children were born and seven of these are living and all have married but one, John W., our subject, was the third of the family in order of birth. The parents are members of the Roman Catholic church.

John W. Rondy was reared in Sharon township, Richland county and obtained his education in the public schools. He was married at Mansfield to Miss Mary A. O'Rourke, who was born at Spring Mill, Richland county, May 2, 1876, a daughter of Christopher and Mary (Bramon) O'Rourke. They were born in Ireland and came to Richland county when young and married there, where the mother

of Mrs. Rondy still resides, the father being deceased. Mr. and Mrs. O'Rourke reared their children in the Roman Catholic faith. Mr. and Mrs. Rondy have an adopted daughter, a child of three years, who has been named Mary Dorothy. In his political affiliation Mr. Rondy, like his father, is a Democrat. He belongs to the Knights of Columbus, the Knights of Ohio and the Eagles. Mr. Rondy and wife are members of St. Joseph's Catholic church at Crestline.

VICTOR D. CAMPBELL, who is a leading citizen of Texas township, Crawford county, O., who is serving in his tenth consecutive year as township treasurer, and is owner and proprietor of a general store at Benton, O., was born in Wyandot county, O., July 30, 1859, a son of Curtis and Isabel (Caldwell) Campbell.

Curtis Campbell was born in Washington county, Pa., and during the greater part of his life was a school teacher. He married Isabel Caldwell, who was born at Bucyrus, O., a daughter of John and Martha (Martin) Caldwell, the former of whom was once sheriff of Crawford county. They died in Wyandot county and their burial was in the Union Cemetery. Their family consisted of four sons: Fremont and John, both of whom are deceased; Victor D.; and Elmer E., who is a resident of Los Angeles, Calif.

Victor D. Campbell attended the public schools of Wyandot county, and with the exception of seven years has been in the mercantile business all his mature life. In 1901 he came to Crawford county and bought his present store from R. O. Seery and now conducts the only mercantile establishment at Benton, serving a wide territory and carrying a very large stock of well selected goods. He is an active citizen, in every way possible advancing the interests of the town. Politically a Republican he has frequently been called on to serve in local offices, his fellow citizens having great confidence in his integrity and business ability.

Mr. Campbell was married in 1891 to Miss May Caldwell, who was born in Crawford county, a daughter of David S. and Sarah Jane (Doyle) Caldwell, the former of whom, now deceased, was a native of Maryland and

a minister in the Reformed church. The mother of Mrs. Campbell was born in Canada but was reared in Crawford county. To Mr. and Mrs. Caldwell four children were born: Ellsworth; May; Blanche, who died at the age of 14 years; and Alpha O., who is the wife of R. E. Hillborn. The father of Mrs. Campbell was a veteran of the Civil War, having served as captain in Co. H, 123rd O. Vol. Inf. For eight months he was a prisoner at Libby Prison and was one of the fortunate unhappy men who managed to escape from that vile dungeon by tunnelling his way to freedom. He served all through the war in the company which was organized at Benton. To Mr. and Mrs. Campbell four children have been born: Beth, Dale, Roscoe and Faythe, of whom Roscoe is now deceased. The eldest daughter is a teacher of Stenography in the Lorain Business College, at Lorain, O., in which Dale is at present a student. Mrs. Campbell and daughter Beth are members of the United Brethren church. Mr. Campbell is identified with the Odd Fellows at Upper Sandusky, O.

REV. JOSEPH R. WAECHTER, pastor of St. Joseph's Catholic church, at Crestline, O., has charge of one of the most important and prosperous parishes in the diocese. He was born at New Washington, O., where his people still reside, Aug. 9, 1876.

Father Waechter attended the parochial schools at New Washington and completed his theological training at St. Mary's Seminary. On May 24, 1902, he was ordained to the Priesthood by Bishop Horstman, after which he was assigned as assistant priest under the presiding priests at Tiffin, O., where he remained until Sept. 14, 1909, when he took charge of St. Nicholas' church, at Berwick, Seneca county, O., and continued in charge there until Dec. 25, 1911, when he came to Crestline and took charge of St. Joseph's church, succeeding Rev. H. E. Boesken, who had been sent to Toledo after a pastorate of nine years at Crestline. Father Waechter entered upon his duties with characteristic zeal and has aroused fresh interest in every branch of church work. This is one of the old strongholds of the Catholic church and for years has been steadily advancing both spiritually and materially. There are few better

established congregations in the Toledo diocese and Father Waechter is a man well qualified to carry on the present church enterprises and to add still further to their efficiency and usefulness. His parochial school is flourishing, with 130 pupils and is in charge of a number of Catholic Sisters.

HENRY M. HEER,* whose well cultivated and very productive farm of 80 acres is situated in Lykens township, Crawford county, O., was born in Lykens township, Jan. 29, 1873, and is a son of Philip C. and Catherine (Herrwagon) Heer.

Philip C. Heer was well known in Lykens township where, for many years, he followed the shoemaking trade. Afterward he went to Missouri and died there. His wife died in Crawford county and her burial was in Chatfield township. They had the following children born to them: Henry M., our subject; Louisa M., who is the wife of Jacob Bower; Emma E., who is the wife of William Husemann; Matilda C., who is the wife of Daniel F. Long; Edward M.; and Rosena C., who is the wife of William Marquis.

Henry M. Heer attended the public schools in boyhood and since then has practically taken care of himself. For 11 years he worked for farmers by the month and thus accumulated the means to purchase 40 acres of his present farm, this being about 1888. The second 40 acres he bought in February, 1911, and now has about as much land as he cares to give attention to. He carries on general farming and raises some good stock but only for his own use. Mr. Heer was reared a Democrat but uses his own judgment when he casts his vote, frequently putting men before party when he gives support. He attends the Lutheran church. Mr. Heer has never married.

GEORGE F. NESS, one of the well known citizens of Galion, O., where he has been connected with the building of many of the substantial structures, and also owns a tract of farming land, was born at Tipton, Ia., July 16, 1856, and is a son of Charles and Phoebe Jane (Auten) Ness.

Michael Ness, the grandfather, was of German ancestry but was born in York county, Pa. In 1835, accompanied by his wife, he

came to Galion, O., when it was but a small place and finally became a landowner and farmer in Polk township, Crawford county. He died in 1870, when aged 75 years and his wife survived him for eight years. They were industrious, respectable, thrifty people and were consistent members of the German Lutheran church. To them were born three sons and one daughter; the last, Rebecca, who has been twice married, lives at Waterford. All three sons, Jacob, Michael and Charles are now deceased.

Charles Ness was born in York county, Pa., Dec., 16, 1833, and was two years old when his parents came to Crawford county. He grew to early manhood here and learned the carpenter trade, afterward married and then moved to Iowa and for a few years lived at Tipton, in Cedar county. He was always a hard-working man, mainly at his trade but he also engaged to some extent in farming and it was said of him that few could excel him in the use of the old cradle in a wheat-field. His death occurred in 1890. He was married in this city to Phebe Jane Auten, who was born west of Galion, in 1833, and was two months younger than Mr. Ness. She accompanied him to Iowa but willingly returned to Crawford county after a few years in the western state and here her death occurred in January, 1885. Of their five children the following survive: James H., living six miles from Galion, in Marion county, who is a barn carpenter, and who is married and has nine children; George F., whose name heads this sketch; Mary, the youngest, who is the wife of Sidney Hill, a railroad man, living at Springfield, O., and having six children.

George F. Ness was young when his parents returned to Crawford county and his education was secured in the district schools. Under his father he learned the carpenter trade and is considered an expert workman. In politics he has always been a Republican but is not interested beyond the demands of good citizenship.

On Feb. 8, 1880, in Whetstone township, Mr. Ness was married to Miss Rachel Bair, who was born in Whetstone township, Jan. 5, 1859, and was reared and educated there. Her parents were John and Rebecca (Sherer) Bair, the former of whom was born in Pennsylvania and the latter in Whetstone township

and all their married life they spent in that township. John Bair died there in 1896, at the age of 65 years. His wife, who was born March 12, 1835, died on the farm on which she was born, Oct. 12, 1888. Her father had entered the land from the Government and it has been kept in the family and is now owned by the two brothers of Mrs. Ness, Michael and Samuel Bair. To Mr. and Mrs. Ness two sons and one daughter were born, which died in infancy. One son, Sherman H., born Nov. 14, 1888, who died Nov. 7, 1910, was a bright and promising young man. The other, Cloyd L., born Oct. 4, 1882, who operates his father's farm in Marion county, married Dessie Geiger and they have two children: Willard C. and Geraldine. Mr. and Mrs. Ness are members of the United Brethren church.

FRANK A. NEFF, proprietor of the leading barber shop at Crestline, O., and an enterprising business man of the city, is a native of Crestline, born July 4, 1860, a son of John and Catherine (Burkhart) Neff.

The grandparents of Mr. Neff, on both sides, were natives of Germany, but both parents were born in Germany and were married at Marion, O. They afterward took up their residence in Galion, coming later to Crestline, spent the rest of their lives here. The father, who was a car finisher with the Big Four Railroad for some years, was a skilled cabinet-maker and also manufactured delicate musical instruments. He was well known to the people of his adopted city and universally respected. In his religious faith he was a Lutheran, while his wife was a Roman Catholic. They had four children: Catherine, John, Frank A. and Edward, the last named being a dry goods merchant at Crestline.

After his school days were over, Frank A. Neff learned the barber trade in 1871 and has been in business for himself since 1886, after spending about ten years in New York state, and has established himself here, having a modern tonsorial parlor, with three chairs and skilled attendants to care for patrons. Through his courtesy, skill and careful attention to details, Mr. Neff has built up a heavy patronage and conducts a place that compares very favorably in its equipments with these found in a much larger city.

Mr. Neff was married at New York city to Miss Elizabeth Colan who was born in Rochester, N. Y., and who losing her parents was reared by an aunt. They have the following children: Bertha, who is the wife of Oran Blanford, of Crestline; William L., who is a factory worker at Crestline; and Alfonso, who is a brickmason by trade, both sons living at home. Mr. and Mrs. Neff are members of the Evangelical Lutheran church. In politics Mr. Neff is a Democrat and fraternally he belongs to the Knights of Pythias, the Maccabees and the Modern Woodmen. In addition to his business location, Mr. Neff owns some valuable residential property here.

ROBERT U. WALCUTT,* one of the public officials of Texas township, who owns and resides on the old homestead farm, was born on this farm, one of the best in Crawford county, O., Nov. 20, 1868, and is a son of Mason and Susan (Walters) Walcutt.

Mason Walcutt and wife were born in Ohio, she being a native of Wyandot county, surviving her husband and residing with her son, Robert U. All his active life Mason Walcutt was a farmer. He voted with the Republican party and was a member and liberal contributor of the Methodist Episcopal church. To Mason Walcutt and wife the following children were born: Daniel; Alverta, who died when aged 20 years; Amelia, who is the widow of John Smith; Jane, deceased, who was the wife of James Brown; Laura, who is the wife of Frank Bower; William and Robert U.

In the public schools of Texas township, Robert U. Walcutt secured his education and since then has devoted himself to his agricultural industries, carrying on general farming, dealing in Durham cattle and buying and selling horses. About four times yearly, Mr. Walcutt makes a business trip to the West and ships by car load his market being Crawford and adjoining counties.

On Feb. 2, 1890, Mr. Walcutt was married to Miss Alice Klase, who died in 1897, her burial being at Benton, O. She was survived by four children: Raleigh, Mason, Inez Floy and Zelma Merl. In 1900, Mr. Walcutt was married (second) to Miss Rose Merbaugh, and they have two children: Ralph Edward and Mercy Dell. Mr. Walcutt and wife attend

the Methodist Episcopal church. He is independent in politics but is a respected and relied on citizen and has been elected to the school board and is serving also in his first term as township trustee.

FRANCIS M. ANDERSON, a substantial and representative citizen of Crestline, O., where, for many years, he has been interested in fire insurance, has been a resident here for 50 years and has a financial interest in many of the prospering enterprises of this city. He was born in Fairfield county, O., Feb. 12, 1830, a grandson of James and Priscilla (House) Anderson.

On account of the stormy times in which they lived, the ancestors of Mr. Anderson succeeded in preserving but few of the family records. Among these may be found proof that William Anderson, who was born in Scotland in 1693, was a supporter of the claims of one of the pretenders to the British throne and was obliged to fly in disguise, on account of political troubles and first reached England and from there crossed the Atlantic Ocean to Virginia. He located in Hampshire county, Va., and his estate is still known as the Anderson Bottoms, although at that time, it was a wild and unsettled region by white men. He became a well known warrior, took part in the French and Indian campaigns and served under General Braddock. He died in Virginia when aged 104 years. His family consisted of two sons and two daughters.

Mention is also made of Capt. Thomas Anderson, who was born in 1733 and died in 1808.

James Anderson, probably a grandson of William Anderson, was born in England, Feb. 17, 1768, and died Oct. 24, 1844. He entered the cavalry branch of the military, with the rank of second lieutenant, and assisted in putting down the Whiskey Insurrection and afterward served under General Anthony Wayne, and for meritorious services was made a captain. In 1808 he came to Fairfield county, O., late in life moving to Lafayette, Ind., where he died at the home of a son. He married Priscilla House, in Virginia, who survived him for a few years, passing away also in Indiana. They had eleven children and ten of these grew to mature life, married and reared families of their own.

John Anderson, son of James and Priscilla Anderson and father of Francis M. Anderson, was the third born child in the above family, his birth taking place in Virginia, March 4, 1803, but he was reared in Fairfield county, O. Subsequently he learned the cooper's trade, which he followed for eight years and then moved to Marion county and in 1838 purchased 120 acres of wild land there. This land he cleared and cultivated and occupied it until his death, on Jan. 4, 1888. In Fairfield county he married Martha Roul, who was born in Ohio of Pennsylvania parents who were of Irish extraction. Mrs. Anderson died in Marion county in 1847. The Andersons were members of the Methodist Episcopal church in this generation. In politics they were Whigs until the formation of the Republican party, when they became identified with it.

Nine children were born to John and Martha Anderson, five sons and four daughters, and eight of these grew to maturity. One son, Thomas L., enlisted for service in the Civil War, in the 12th Ind. Vol. Inf., and was stricken with an illness from which he died before arriving home. John, the next son, died in 1859, while Levi died in 1864, all being unmarried. Three daughters survive, Susan, Ellen and Margaret. Susan is the wife of Rev. Walter Scott, a retired Episcopal minister, residing at Oberland, O., and they have four children. Ellen is the wife of John Blue, of Belleplaines, Ia., and they have six children. Margaret is the wife of John B. Hines, of Marion county, O., and they have three children.

Francis M. Anderson had common school and academic advantages, and afterward, for eleven years was a school teacher, and for five years was in the mail service on the Pennsylvania Railroad. In 1862 he reached Crestline and shortly afterward became agent for leading fire insurance companies and has continued in the business, one of the oldest and most successful agents here. He is a director in the Crestline Building and Loan Association and owns stock in many of the industrial plants in this section, his investments having been made judiciously. He has been very active as a citizen and has served as mayor of Crestline. For some 15 years he was a justice of the peace and for many years was a member of the

school board. He is identified with the Republican party.

Mr. Anderson was married (first) in Marion county, O., to Miss Sarah E. Geiger, who was born in Marion county, in 1834, and died at her home in Crestline, in 1899, leaving one son, Harry W. For a number of years he was in the furniture business at Crestline but now lives retired, a man of ample fortune. He married Mary Etsinger, and they have two children: Bertha and Frank M., the latter of whom fills a clerical position with the Pennsylvania Railway at Crestline. In 1900 Mr. Anderson was married (second) to Miss Elizabeth A. Thrush, who was born in Crawford county. Mr. and Mrs. Anderson are members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

TOBIAS MORCKEL, who is a highly respected retired citizen of Galion, is a native of Ohio, born at Windfall, Crawford county, April 16, 1838. His parents were Peter and Anna M. (Stuber) Morckel.

Peter Morckel and wife were born in Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany, where they grew to maturity and married. It was after the birth of three children, Christian, Katherine and Elizabeth, that they decided, in the later twenties, to come to the United States. They took passage on a sailing vessel and after 76 days on the Atlantic Ocean, were safely landed on American soil. They made their first home in Pennsylvania and while living there another son, George, was born. About 1832-3 the family came over the mountains with teams, accompanied by other immigrants, and when they reached Jefferson township, Crawford county, found land which seemed desirable, although it was in what seemed to be a cyclonic section and was named Windfall on that account. Here they bought many acres of land and erected a log cabin that withstood all subsequent storms. With land clearing and improving climatic changes were evidently brought about and the parents of Mr. Morckel lived peacefully and undisturbed until the end of their lives, the mother dying when aged 65 years and the father surviving to his 82nd year. They were of the German Lutheran faith and assisted in building the Windfall church. After coming to Crawford county the following children were born: Tobias, whose

name heads this article; Maria, deceased, who married here; Leah, who lives with her family at Cleveland; and Elizabeth C., who lives three miles west of Galion.

For the first 23 years of his life, Tobias Morekel lived on the old home farm. Later he went to Crestline and for ten years afterward was with the Pittsburg and Mt. Wayne Railway, subsequently moving to Cardington in Morrow county, where he operated an engine in a grist mill for some time for his father-in-law. Still later he went to Upper Sandusky and from there to Columbus, where he engaged in a business enterprise and was also engaged in this way at other points prior to coming to Galion, in 1876, in which city he was successful in business ventures for years. He had the foresight to buy some valuable tracts of city property and these he has improved, much of his improved realty being on East Main Street, right in the heart of the business center, and he also has valuable holdings at Crestline. He occupies his leisure in looking after his property interests.

Mr. Morekel was first married to Miss Matilda Purkey, who was born in Ohio but was of Pennsylvania parentage. Her death occurred in 1873 and she was survived by two children: Augustus J. A., who resides with his family at Tacoma, Wash., and has two children—Ruth and John Allen; and Lilian, who is the wife of Rev. J. Fred Miller, a Lutheran minister of Baltimore, and has four children—Ernest, who has been well educated and is an electrician; Carl, who is a resident of Columbus, O.; and Leona and Harold.

The second marriage of Mr. Morekel was to Miss Elizabeth Hinkle, who was born in Hesse, Germany, March 11, 1849, and was three years old when her parents, Conrad and Mary E. (Eckel) Hinkle brought her to America. The voyage consumed 68 days and after landing at New York the father was taken sick and died three months later. Mrs. Hinkle and her five children remained in New York City for five years and then came to Galion, where she lived for many years afterward, her death occurring in 1890, when she was aged 81 years. Mrs. Morekel was the youngest but one of the children, the others being: Henry, who died in Ohio, leaving a family; Conrad, a stonemason by trade, who lives at Galion

now retired; John M., who is in the meat business at Troy; and Charles, who is an engineer with the Erie Railway, lives with his family at Galion. Mr. and Mrs. Morekel are members of the Lutheran church. In politics he is a Democrat and fraternally is identified with a German organization.

SAMUEL HEINLEN,* one of the highly respected retired citizens of Bucyrus, O., residing in his comfortable residence on Wallace Avenue, owns an excellent farm of 92 acres, which lies in Bucyrus township, Crawford county, O. Mr. Heinlen was born in this township, April 4, 1855, and is a son of Mathew and Elizabeth (Beckel) Heinlen.

Mathew Heinlen was born in Germany and there learned the weaving trade but later settled in Crawford county, O., and followed farming in Bucyrus township. He was married to Elizabeth Beckel, in Crawford county, and they had the following children: John, S., M. and Frank; Elizabeth, wife of Absalom Bolinger; Matilda, wife of James Johnson; Lena, wife of Byron Kent; and Lucinda, wife of J. S. Murphy.

Samuel Heinlen attended the district schools in boyhood and then began to work on farms, first by the day and later by the month, and thus, by hard labor acquired enough capital to buy 40 acres of land. This tract he subsequently sold and purchased the 92-acre farm which he still owns and on which he lived and carried on farming for a number of years and then shifted his responsibilities in large degree to younger shoulders and retired and took up his residence in Bucyrus.

Mr. Heinlen was married April 12, 1881, to Miss Elizabeth Catherine Speigle, who was born in Crawford county and died April 28, 1908, a daughter of William and Barbara (Myers) Speigle. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Speigle are well known people of Crawford county. To Mr. and Mrs. Heinlen the following children were born: Lewis, Lawrence, Leroy and Dora Alvena. Leroy married Ermina Eckert, a daughter of George Eckert, and they have one son, William Lee. Mr. Heinlen and sons are identified with the Democratic party. The whole family attends the United Brethren church.

WILLIAM H. WEAVER, member of the firm of Weaver Bros., the well known grain firm at Crestline, O., has been secretary and treasurer of this corporation for about 12 years and is numbered with the careful and astute business men of this section. He was born in Wyandot county, O., in 1867, a son of John and Mary B. (Ringer) Weaver.

John Weaver, the grandfather, came to the United States from France and purchased Government land in Jackson township, Crawford county, O., on which he and wife spent their subsequent lives. His wife was also a native of France and they were members of the French Catholic church. They had 12 children, ten of whom lived to marry and eight survive.

John Weaver, father of William H., was born on the old homestead in Jackson township and spent the greater part of his life in the German settlement, his death occurring July 17, 1890. His widow survives and resides with her son, William H., being now in her 71st year. Four sons and two daughters were born to them, namely: William H., our subject; Frank and John E., both members of the above named firm; Rose, who is the wife of William Gosser, residing on a farm in Vernon township; Anna, who is the wife of Peter Keller, a farmer in Darke county; and Charles D., who is a farmer in Sharon township, Richland county, on the old homestead.

William H. Weaver came to Crestline from Vernon, where he had been in the grain and stock business for six years previously. The present business is one of large volume, incorporated for \$100,000, its officers being: Charles Kindinger, president; Peter Huth, vice president; and William H. Weaver, secretary and treasurer. The company has branches at three points, Galion, Vernon and Crestline, John B. Weaver being manager at Vernon and J. J. Patterson at Galion. They handle hay, grain and livestock, give employment to five men at Galion, eight at Crestline and two at Vernon.

Mr. Weaver was married in Richland county, O., to Miss Mary E. Frye, who was born there in 1864, of German parents, now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Weaver have the following children: Leo E., who was educated at Crestline and Dayton, and resides at home;

Wilfred E., similarly educated, who is associated with his father; and Norbert R. and Angeline H., both at school. Mr. and Mrs. Weaver are members of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic church. He is identified with the Knights of Columbus, the Elks and the Eagles.

A. H. KINSEY, who is the present proprietor of what was the first established drug store at Crestline, O., has been in the drug business for 32 years, having had experience in several cities and a resident of Crestline since 1891. He was born at Galion, O., in 1862, a son of Samuel and Catherine (Claes) Kinsey.

Samuel Kinsey was born in Canton Berne, Switzerland. After coming to the United States he settled near Galion, O., where he first engaged in farming and later was a machinist in the shops of the Big Four and Erie Railways, his death occurring in 1893, when he was aged 63 years. He was a Republican in his political views and was a member of the Reformed church. He married Catherine Claes, who was born in Germany and was young when her parents came to the United States and settled at Galion, where both died. Mrs. Kinsey survives and resides in her comfortable home which is situated on Atwood Street, Galion. Her people secured and improved land near Galion, the deed for the same bearing the signature of President Andrew Jackson.

After graduating from the Galion High School, A. H. Kinsey became a drug clerk in that city and later entered the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy at Philadelphia, the oldest institution of its kind in this country, where he was graduated in 1884. For five years before coming to Crestline, Mr. Kinsey was in the drug business at Xenia, O. The first drug store at Crestline, the one that Mr. Kinsey now owns, was started here by Dr. Alexander Jenner, a half century ago. He was succeeded by the firm of Spencer & McCullough, which did business for a few years, when Dr. Spencer became sole proprietor and continued until 1891, when Mr. Kinsey succeeded, Dr. Spencer moving to Colorado. Mr. Kinsey has been improving his property ever since. In 1907 he erected the Kinsey block, a two-story brick structure, with basement, of modern construction throughout, one of the most substantial

business blocks in the city. Mr. Kinsey enjoys the confidence of his fellow citizens in his profession and is numbered with the representative men along all stable lines, of this city.

In 1892, Mr. Kinsey was married at Crestline, to Miss Irilla Rooks, who was born and educated in Illinois. Her parents, Levi L. and Anna (Frye) Rooks, are residents of Crestline, where Mr. Rooks is a coal dealer. Mr. and Mrs. Kinsey have two sons: Herbert S. and Albert R., both students. Mr. Kinsey belongs to the National Association of Retail Druggists, the Ohio State Pharmaceutical Association, the United Drug Company, of Boston, and the American Druggists Syndicate, of New York.

MRS. FRANCES M. SOURWINE, who is one of the highly respected residents of Auburn township, Crawford county, O., the mother of Frank A. Sourwine and the wife of Henry Sourwine, deceased, was born in Seneca county, O. Her maiden name was Link and her parents moved from Pennsylvania to Seneca county. She resides on the farm of 103 acres with her son, this farm being located in section 5, Auburn township, Crawford county.

In 1874 Frances M. Link was married in Seneca county, to Henry Sourwine, who was born one mile north and one-half mile east of Attica, O., a son of William Sourwine. Henry Sourwine died in December, 1909, at the age of 64 years, 3 months and 21 days, and his burial was in Green Lawn Cemetery, at Plymouth, O. In 1873, Henry Sourwine and his brother, William, Jr., bought this farm in partnership, and when they subsequently divided the land, Henry took 103 acres and William, Jr., took 92 acres and both improved their properties. The substantial buildings now standing on the farm of Frank A. Sourwine were put there by his father, who also drained and tiled the land and continued to be interested in its cultivation until his death. In politics he was a Republican, and from 1898 until 1901, served his township as one of its trustees, an honest and upright man in all his official acts.

To Mr. and Mrs. Sourwine but one child was born, Frank A. He was carefully reared and is now one of the township's solid, reliable men, a Republican like his late father. He married Myrta M. Keller, a daughter of George

M. and Ella Keller, of Crawford county, now residents of Attica. They have three children: Carl G., Wanda L. and Gerald K. Henry Sourwine and wife were members of the Church of God.

JEREMIAH ERRETT, who, after many years of active agricultural life on his valuable farm in Polk township, Crawford county, O., came to Galion, since 1906 has occupied his handsome residence at No. 638 West Main Street. He was born on the old Errett homestead in Polk township, Jan. 14, 1851, the youngest but one of a family of nine children born to his parents, John and Nancy (Buddin) Errett.

The founder of the Errett family in Crawford county was Rev. Henry Errett, who was of German ancestry but was born in Pennsylvania, where he grew to manhood and married Catherine Fox. In 1835 they came to Crawford county, O., accompanied by their three children, Polly, Susan and John, the last named being 13 years old at that time. The grandfather was a good judge of land and selected a heavily timbered tract in Polk township, well situated as to water, and there built a log cabin, gradually cleared the land as his ministerial duties permitted and both he and wife spent their remaining years here. They were among the most venerable people of this section at time of death, although they had passed through many of the dangers and hardships of pioneer life, he reaching the age of 91 years, while she was 86 years old. He was the first minister of the United Brethren church in this part of Crawford county and was the means of organizing churches in many neighborhoods and in visiting them traveled hundreds of miles back and forth on horseback. He was widely known and was held in great esteem by all. His son John succeeded to the homestead and spent his long life of 75 years here. He married Nancy Buddin, who was born at Marion, O., and was young when her parents settled in Polk township, where she lived at the age of 84 years. Both she and husband were members and active workers in the United Brethren church. They had five sons and two daughters born to them, all of whom became respected members of society and became well settled in life.



E. G. HARTLE

Jeremiah Errett grew to manhood on the old homestead and attended the country schools, after which he devoted himself until 1906 to farming and stock raising. He still retains his finely improved farm of 100 acres, in Polk township, the management and operation of which now rests with his son Charles. During his many years as a farmer he was considered judicious and resourceful and brought his land to a high state of fertility and raised excellent stock but never went largely into the stock business.

Mr. Errett was married in Polk township, to Miss Lyda N. Traxler, who was born in 1854, in Morrow county, O., but was reared and attended school in Polk township, Crawford county. Her parents were John and Margaret (Kriner) Traxler, who moved from Morrow county to near Ada, O., and from there to Polk township, Crawford county. There the father of Mrs. Errett died at the age of 84 years and the mother when aged 76 years. They were members of the English Lutheran church. Mr. and Mrs. Errett have three children: Charles, who resides on the homestead in Polk township, and who married Elizabeth Risky; Nellie, who is the wife of Harry Quigley, an engineer on the Big Four Railroad, residing at Bellefontaine, O.; and Burton, who is a fireman with the Big Four Railroad. Mr. and Mrs. Errett are members of the United Brethren church and they have a very pleasant social circle and are respected and esteemed people of their neighborhood.

E. G. HARTLE, secretary and general manager and a member of the board of directors of the Perfection Road Machinery Company, of Galion, O., is an experienced man in this line, having been connected with road machine work throughout his entire business career. He was born in Ohio and is a son of Americus and Margaret (Hastings) Hartle.

The father of Mr. Hartle was born in Hardin county, O., in which he yet lives, being one of the progressive farmers and well known men of that section of the State, a graduate of two colleges and a campaign speaker of note. He married Margaret Hastings, also of Hardin county, who still survives, and they are the parents of four sons and one daughter.

E. G. Hartle was educated in the public

schools and was about 21 years old when he gave full rein to his inclinations in the direction of mechanics. He has been with the present company since its organization in January, 1908, and is the draughtsman and chief designer of practically all the machines of this company. The Perfection Road Machinery Company was incorporated with a capitalization of \$200,000, with the following officers: Ernest Klopp, president; J. A. Petrie, vice president; W. T. Resch, treasurer; and E. G. Hartle, general manager and secretary, all being Galion business men. Miss Grace McCool has been employed as private stenographer and bookkeeper for the company ever since its organization; and also Mr. George Beach as its foreman. The output includes three styles of road scrapers, seven styles of road drags, and several styles of road dump boxes and land pulverizers. A specialty is made of custom work, employment is given 30 people and they sell all over the world. The business has been successful from the start and Mr. Hartle has been its manager for four years, coming here in this capacity from Columbus, O.

Mr. Hartle was married, at Felicity, O., to Miss Isadora Riley, and they have four children: Chester C., who is an assistant to his father; Hadessa, Imo and Margaret M., the ages ranging from seventeen to nine years. Mr. Hartle is a member of the Odd Fellows and the U. C. T., of Ohio.

CARL J. GUGLER, attorney at law and city solicitor of Galion, O., is a prominent member of the Crawford county bar and a substantial factor in Republican politics. He was born at Galion, O., April 29, 1883, and is a son of Jacob and Katherine (Herzog) Gugler.

Jacob Gugler was born in 1844, in the Rhenish province of Baden Baden, Germany, and from there came to the United States in 1865 and attended school in the city of New York and at St. Louis, Mo., and afterward at German-Wallace College at Berea, O., where he studied for the ministry. In 1875 he came to Galion, where he was a merchant for some years and also was interested in retailing oil and gasoline. His death occurred April 17, 1903. In politics he was a Republican and fraternally he was an Odd Fellow. In 1875

he married Katherine Herzog, who was born at Russville, Lucerne Canton, Switzerland, April 5, 1852 and came to America with her brother a short time before her marriage, residing at Elmore, O., before coming to Galion. She still survives and is a well known and much esteemed resident of this city. She is a member of the Methodist church as was her husband. Of their nine children there are seven survivors: Mary, who is the wife of George Kunkler, of Galion; Louise, who is the wife of James Lindley, of Galion; Bertha, who is a teacher in the public schools at Akron, O.; Carl J.; Anna, who is engaged as a stenographer; Edna, who is employed in the clerical department of the Galion Iron Works; and Carrie, who resides with her mother.

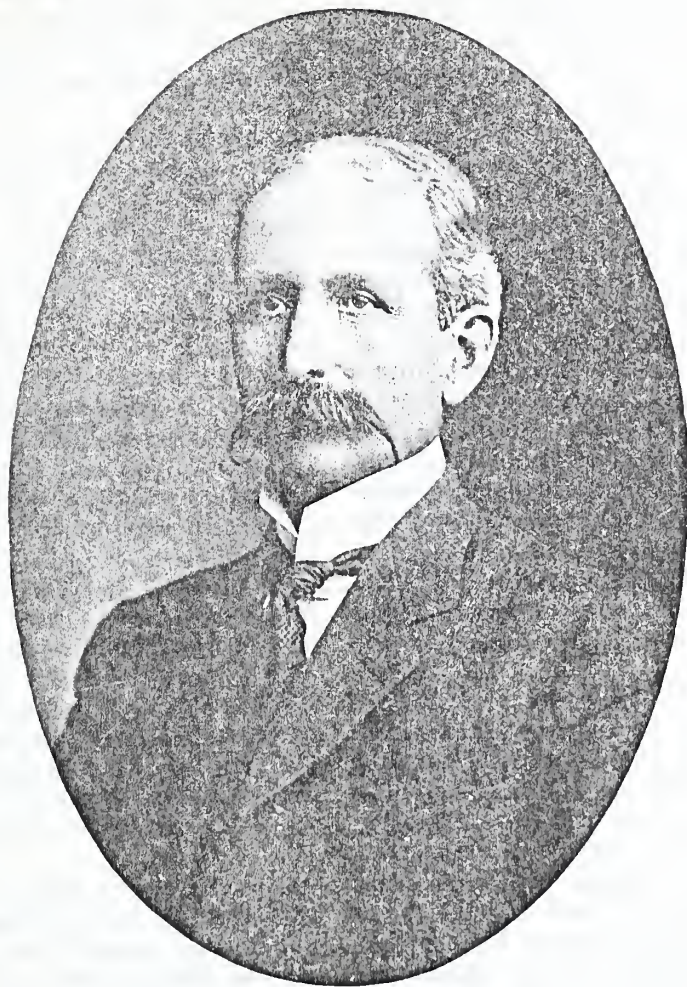
Carl J. Gugler did not wait until his school days were over to become useful and self supporting for he was only eight years old when he became a newspaper carrier for the Galion Leader and also handled the Cleveland and Cincinnati journals. After graduating from the public schools in 1900 he worked for one year in the superintendent's office of the Erie Railroad and then for four years was clerk in the master mechanic's office at Crestline. Having cherished a laudable ambition for a legal career, by 1904 he was able, through his own efforts, to enter the University of Michigan, where he was graduated high in his class and was admitted to the bar in December, 1906, immediately opening his office in his native city. In 1907 he was elected a justice of the peace and in 1909 was his party's chosen candidate for prosecuting attorney. Although not successful in that contest he is plenty young enough to wait for still higher professional honors. In 1911 he was elected city solicitor and his thorough knowledge of both English and German, has assisted him greatly in public office as well as in his private practice. He is legal advisor for the Ohio State Legislative Board of the B. of L. F. & E., an appointment received early in 1912. He is identified fraternally with the Knights of Pythias. It is almost impossible in these days for intelligent and broad minded men to ignore politics even if they so desired, and Mr. Gugler has not been backward in announcing his convictions and his thorough identification with the Republican party.

JOHN HARVEY BROWN,* deceased, was a well known, respected and industrious citizen of Galion, O., in which city he was born March 5, 1867, while his death occurred May 21, 1897, at Vicksburg, Miss., his burial being at Galion. He was a son of Harvey and Lucy (Harper) Brown, both of whom were natives of Ohio.

John Harvey Brown attended the public schools of Galion and as he had natural talent in that direction, learned the machinist trade and was employed in different railroad shops as a competent machinist, until the time of his death. He was a member of the trade organization known as the Machinists' Union, and politically was identified with the Republican party. He had many friends as he was pleasant and genial in manner and was ever ready to do others a kindness.

Mr. Brown was married at Galion, O., to Miss Mary Boehm, who was born at Galion, Feb. 27, 1870, a daughter of Henry and Margaret (Price) Boehm. The mother of Mrs. Brown was born in Ohio but her father was born in Hesse Darmstadt, Germany, June 1, 1841, and came to Galion in June, 1866, where he followed shoemaking, having learned his trade in his native land, for more than 40 years. He now lives retired at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Brown, at No. 514 South Market street. She also owns a valuable property on Boston street and her father has nine acres of productive land near the city. The mother of Mrs. Brown died in 1907, when aged 68 years. She was a member of the German Lutheran church, to which her husband and daughter also belong. Mr. Brown is survived by two sons, Peter Henry and William I. The older son is learning his father's trade in one of the big city shops, while the younger is yet a student in the Galion High School.

FREDERICK G. BOWERS, a successful general farmer and stock raiser, a member and supporter of the Grange and a man of progressive agricultural ideas, owns 50 acres of excellent land in Lykens township, Crawford county, O., and also cultivates a tract of 80 acres belonging to his father. He was born in Lykens township, March 23, 1878,



AMOS F. KELLER

and is a son of Frederick W. and Caroline (Brown) Bowers.

Frederick W. Bowers followed farming during his active life and now lives retired, making his home in Michigan. He was married (first) to Caroline Brown, who died May 25, 1891 and was buried in the Brokensword Cemetery, the mother of the following children: Lafayette, Frederick G., Esther and William, Esther being deceased. He was married (second) to Amelia Huff, who, at death, left one daughter, Velma. His third marriage was to a Miss Jane Smith, who was born in Michigan.

After completing the common school course, Frederick G. Bowers spent two terms in the Ohio Normal School, at Ada, O., after which he taught school for two terms, but finally decided to turn his attention entirely to agricultural pursuits. His well cared for land and abundant harvests testify that his decision was a wise one and that there are few careers in life which give the same amount of personal independence, a possession so dear to Americans, as does that of a successful farmer.

On Nov. 5, 1901, Mr. Bowers was married to Miss Lena Aydt, who was born in Marion county, O. She has two sisters: Christina, who is the wife of George Rentschler; and Catherine, who is the wife of William Lau-cher. Mr. and Mrs. Bowers have two bright little daughters, Eleanor and Evelyne. In politics Mr. Bowers is a Democrat and is serving in his first term as township trustee, taking his duties seriously and as an official reflecting credit on the board. He and wife are members of the United Brethren church at Olive Branch, Lykens township.

FERDINAND BLEILY, deceased, for 37 years was in business at Galion, O., where he was numbered with the honest and reliable men and generous and public spirited citizens. He was born at Grutzing, Baden, Germany, May 26, 1827, and died at Galion, Nov. 28, 1888.

Ferdinand Bleily was 28 years of age when he came to America, crossing the Atlantic Ocean on a sailing vessel, and in 1854 was landed at New York. From there he came on to Galion, O., where he remained only a short time and then went to Columbus, but several

years afterward returned to Galion and made this city his permanent home. He was a painter, glazier and decorator and had thoroughly learned his trade in his native land, and for three years was foreman of the paint shops for the Big Four Railway, at Galion. Subsequently he went into the saloon business and continued until his last illness. He was a man of good fellowship and kind heart and was exceedingly charitable. He was a strong Democrat in politics and in religion was a member, with all his family, of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church.

Mr. Bleily was married at Galion, May 12, 1855, to Miss Veronica Frank, who was born in Baden, Germany, March 18, 1837, a daughter of George and Margaret (Heegel) Frank. They came to the United States from Baden, Germany, in 1841, locating first at Erie, Pa., from whence they came to Ohio and purchased a farm in Morrow county, cleared and improved it and lived there during the remainder of their lives. The father was 77 years old at time of death and the mother was aged 70 year. To Mr. and Mrs. Bleily two children were born: Pauline C. and William A. The former married Joseph F. Lampert and they both died at Cleveland, O. One son, William A. Lampert, survives and lives at Cleveland. William A. Bleily who was born Feb. 13, 1856, succeeded his father in business but now lives at Galion.

AMOS F. KELLER, vice president of the Farmers and Citizens Bank and Savings Company, of Bucyrus, O., is one of the foremost men of Crawford county in many lines, the professions of teaching and law having claimed a large part of his time in the past, while politics and public affairs have also interested him. He was born in Crawford county, O., and has had the satisfaction of occupying the old family homestead throughout his life up to the present time. He is a son of Phillip and Hannah (Stucker) Keller, old residents of this section, who were well and widely known and were held in much respect by their neighbors.

Amos F. Keller in boyhood displayed a love of learning that was somewhat unusual among his school-boy comrades, and the result was that he soon outstripped them all. He took up the scientific course under Professor Churchill,

then of Oberlin University, and by the time he was nineteen years of age, he had solved every problem in mathematics that belonged to the district school course. When he began to teach school it was probably with no idea of the real interest the work would have for him, but later he continued as an educator because of the opportunities it gave him of arousing ambition in others, as many of these have since testified. He continued in the educational field for more than eighteen years. In the meanwhile he was acquiring knowledge for himself along other lines and not only equipped himself for the practice of law, but made a study of the great questions of the day, becoming deeply concerned on the subject of the relations of capital and labor. Possessing a well trained mind and the gift of oratory, Mr. Keller came to the front in political campaigns, and identified himself with the Labor party, becoming a party worker under the organization of Hon. T. V. Powderly. In 1894 Mr. Keller was a candidate for Congress on the People's ticket, and, although not elected, showed remarkable strength. He subsequently became an admirer and supporter of Hon. William Jennings Bryan for the Presidency, and in the campaigns of 1896 and 1900 traveled through Ohio speaking in his behalf. While all the people did not have the same confidence in the political wisdom of the Democratic candidate, a large proportion were always willing to go long distances to listen to Mr. Keller, on any subject, his popularity being very general all over his native state.

Mr. Keller was married Oct. 30, 1895, to Miss Hattie Maudesta Carrothers, a daughter of James B. Carrothers, a substantial farmer of Vernon township. They have four children. As mentioned above, the old home farm has continued to be the chosen place of residence by Mr. Keller and family, he having been its owner since he was twenty-three years of age. In addition to being second officer in the Farmers and Citizens Bank and Savings Company, he is associated with its president, George W. Miller, in the Farmers' Mutual Insurance Company. on Jan. 2, 1911, Mr. Keller was appointed deputy sheriff of Crawford county. He is now the Democratic candidate for Probate Judge and is certain to be elected, nomination on the Democratic ticket in this county being equivalent to election.

DANIEL KREITER, county treasurer of Crawford county, O., is widely known as a reliable and representative citizen and also as a successful business man. He was born in Crawford county, Sept. 22, 1854, one of three children born to his parents, who were William and Elizabeth (Hess) Kreiter, who are now deceased.

Daniel Kreiter was educated in the schools of Galion, O. and also attended school at the Capitol University at Columbus and the Lebanon, O. Normal School. He had learned the shoemaking trade, although his father had been a tailor, and had worked at that before entering upon his college education. Intervening his school course at Columbus and Lebanon, he taught school one year in the public schools at Galion. After his graduation in the commercial course at Lebanon, he was employed about seven years in the freight and ticket office of the Erie Railroad Company at Galion. Later he served for many years as bookkeeper in Kreiter & Schaefer's grocery store and while in this service was elected for and served two terms as city treasurer of his home city. He continued as bookkeeper in the grocery business until he was elected county treasurer of Crawford county on the Democratic ticket, this election being held in November, 1908. He assumed the office in the following year and has served two terms with the greatest efficiency.

Mr. Kreiter married Miss Margaret Bohl, a daughter of Ludwig Bohl, and they have three children, namely: Clio, Fred W. and Elfrida. They attend the Lutheran church.

JESSE G. BROWN, one of the live business men of Galion, O., progressive in his ideas and enterprising in his undertakings, is proprietor of the Old Reliable Piano Store, which is situated on the corner of Walnut and South Market streets, and has additional business interests. He was born on a farm in Champaign county, O., near Kingston, in 1858, and is a son of John and Anna (Myers) Brown.

John Brown and wife were born in Berks county, Pa., of old Dutch ancestry, and were reared and married there. In the forties they came to Champaign county, O., locating on a farm and spent their subsequent lives there, well known and highly respected, his death

occurring at the age of 58 years. After being left a widow, Mrs. Brown moved to Urbana and died there in 1908, when aged 89 years. Both she and husband were members of the Methodist Episcopal church. They had eleven children and of these one son and three daughters died in early childhood and seven reached maturity. Elizabeth is a resident of Urbana, Champaign county. Sallie J. resides at Urbana and is the widow of E. M. Most and she has four sons. David H., a county official, lives at Urbana with his wife. Eliza is the widow of E. B. Kiser and lives at Urbana with her four daughters. James and John, twins, the former of whom is a business man of Springfield, O., unmarried, while the latter is a railroad man and is married and has one son.

Jesse G. Brown was reared in Champaign county and obtained his education at Urbana. When 19 years of age he accepted a commercial position and went out on the road and for about 20 years traveled over the country, his business taking him into almost every State of the Union, his line being the selling of pianos. He was thus engaged until he determined to go into business for himself and chose Galion, of which city he had already been a resident for six years, as a good business field, establishing his present store in 1889. He carries a fine line of high grade musical goods, including the Ivers-Pond pianos of Boston, the Adam Schaafer, of Chicago, together with a special make of piano, with new and admirable features, the J. G. Brown piano, which is specially manufactured for him in New York City. He also has the exclusive agency for the Edison phonographs, for which the demand is large. Mr. Brown has been public spirited in promoting many of the business enterprises of Galion and owns stock in many of them. As a pastime Mr. Brown interested himself some 20 years ago in horticulture and fruit growing but the pastime has developed into a large business and he is known all over the state for the products of his fine orchards and his success in the growing of all kinds of fruit that will mature in this climate. Mr. Brown still finds enjoyment in his experiments and has solved many horticultural problems.

At Galion, O., Mr. Brown was married to

Miss Minnie Gledhill, who is a daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth (Hersher) Gledhill. This substantial family of Crawford county is well known and is one of the old settled ones of Jefferson township, members of the United Brethren church, to which religious body Mr. and Mrs. Brown also belong. They have three children; Claudia O., a graduate of the Galion High School, who married E. Landis Miller, an Erie Railroad official, residing at Galion; Hazel E., who is a graduate of the Galion High School in the class of 1908; and Jesse Gledhill, who is yet a school boy.

In politics Mr. Brown is a Republican. While he has not accepted any political office he is a charter member of the Commercial Club, of which he has been president and otherwise officially connected, at present being chairman of the entertainment committee. He has been the chief mover in many of the recent successful enterprises organized to make this city more widely known as a desirable place in which to establish both a home and business. He belongs to Lodge No. 186 Knights of Pythias and is a past official of the State Grand Lodge, and belongs also to the Odd Fellows at Galion.

WILLIAM E. MILLIRON, who is a member of the firm of Milliron Bros., manufacturers of drain-tile and brick, with plant located five miles northeast of New Washington, just across the Huron county line, in Richmond township, is half owner of this large business enterprise and is a very active and successful business man. He was born in Crawford county, O., and is a son of John and Helen (Page) Milliron.

John Milliron was born in Pennsylvania and came to Ohio in boyhood. Later he learned the carpenter trade and worked at the same until 1882, when he turned his attention to the manufacturing of drain tile and brick, came to near New Washington and purchased 25 acres of land, subsequently adding ten more acres. In the above year he erected the present plant, two buildings with dimensions of 30x145 and 40x40 feet and also built a saw mill for custom sawing. Here he resided and manufactured from three to 12-inch tile building blocks. In 1890 he took his

three sons into partnership and the firm name became J. Milliron & Sons, and a large business was done, trade being drawn from Huron, Richland and Seneca counties, as well as all over Crawford county. After the death of the founder, in 1902, the three sons continued under the style of Milliron Bros., until 1912, when Harry L. Milliron retired and sold his interest to his two brothers, John R. and William E., who are sole owners. The present firm has enlarged the facilities of the plant, erecting two new buildings, one with dimensions 54x54 feet and the other of 32x40 feet. They are prepared to make every size of tile and their annual output approaches 50,000 building blocks and 50,000 bricks, and give employment to four steady men who understand the business.

John Milliron was married at New Washington, O., to Miss Helen Page, who was born in Guernsey county, and they had twelve children born to them, the survivors being: Mrs. Jeremiah Lewis, who lives in Garfield county, Okla.; Mrs. John Beamer, who lives four miles north of the above mentioned plant; Mrs. Newton Carson, who lives at Plymouth, O.; Charles, who married Lottie Rapp and lives in Auburn township; Harry L., who lives at Plymouth, O. and who married Nora Jones; William E., subject of this sketch; John R., who resides at the plant and who married Minta De Witt; Mrs. Isaiah Kemmerly, residing near the plant; and Mrs. Henrietta Yarnell, who resides at Norwalk, O.

William E. Milliron makes his home at his place of business. He married Miss Matilda E. Warner and they have two children: Alta, who lives at Plymouth, O.; and Inez B., who is attending school.

HARRY L. BODLEY, cashier of the First National Bank of Galion, O., and one of the progressive and energetic citizens, wide awake to public conditions and well qualified as a citizen and business man, was born at Bucyrus, O., Nov. 16, 1877, and is a son of William A. and Frances (Miller) Bodley.

William A. Bodley was born near Plymouth, O., and his wife near Olney, Ill. They were married at Olney, Ill., and shortly afterward moved to Bucyrus, where Mr. Bodley engaged in business as a merchant until 1882.

In that year he came to Galion and resumed merchandising here and for 30 years has conducted a book, stationery and wall paper store on the Public Square. He is a well known and respected citizen, has served as a member of the board of education and is a leading member of the Methodist Episcopal church. His family numbered but one child, Harry L. The latter was a child of five years when the family came to Galion and as youth and man he has been identified with this city ever since. After he completed the public school course, in 1893 he became a messenger in the First National Bank, being then 17 years of age, and through fidelity and efficiency has won promotion all along the line, serving as assistant cashier prior to being made cashier in 1911, being elected to this office in January of that year.

The First National Bank of Galion, O., was organized in 1864 and its present officers are: E. M. Freese, president; B. E. Place, vice president; H. L. Bodley, cashier, and J. E. Casey, assistant cashier. The following capitalists make up the board of directors: E. M. Freese, B. E. Place, H. W. Todd, R. W. Johnston, M. R. Crim, W. A. Bodley and H. R. Schuler. This institution is the oldest bank in Crawford county and its first president was C. S. Crim and its first cashier, J. S. Bloomer. The report of the condition of this bank at the close of business, Feb. 20, 1912, showed a very prosperous condition. The original capital of \$50,000, in 1903 was increased to \$100,000.

Mr. Bodley was married at Columbus, O., to Miss Margaret L. Beelman, who was born in Richland county, O., and they have one son, Herbert D., who was born in January, 1911. Mr. and Mrs. Bodley are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. He is a Knight Templar Mason, belonging to Mansfield Commandery, Blue Lodge and Chapter at Galion, being past high priest of the Chapter and junior warden of the Blue Lodge, and to Gwynn Council, No. 83, at Bucyrus. He belongs also to Galion Lodge, Knights of Pythias.

SAMUEL EDWARD AUCK, an enterprising business man of Bucyrus, O., who is associated with his brother, William H. Auck,

in the real estate and general insurance line, was born in Whetstone township, Crawford county, O., Aug. 11, 1876, and is a son of Michael and Caroline (Ehmann) Auck. The family is an old and very prominent one in this section and for many years the parents of Mr. Auck resided in Whetstone township on their large estate but now live retired at Bucyrus.

Samuel Edward Auck was afforded excellent educational advantages, from the public schools entering the Ohio Northern University and later taking a business course in a Toledo commercial school, where he was graduated in 1898. He then taught school for one year and then came to Bucyrus and associated himself with his older brother, William H. Auck, in their present line of business, under the firm style of Auck Bros., purchase having been made of the business of F. M. Kerr. This firm handles farm and city properties in Crawford and adjoining counties and deals in investment and security bonds and represents the best old line insurance companies. During his father's second term as county treasurer he served as deputy and continued with Treasurer Wm. L. Alexander, his father's successor, until April 1, 1901, when he resigned in order to accept a position as cashier for the American Clay Machinery Company of Bucyrus, O., and remained with this well known business concern until Dec. 17, 1908, when, as noted above, he joined his interests with those of his brother. They are men well qualified in every way for successful business, energetic, honest and reputable and their standing in commercial circles is equally high with that won by them personally.

Mr. Auck was married Dec. 25, 1900, at Bucyrus to Miss Lulu V. Knoedler, who was born Jan. 6, 1879 and educated here, graduating from the Bucyrus High School with the class of 1898. She is a daughter of John and Elizabeth (Volk) Knoedler. Mr. and Mrs. Knoedler reside at Bucyrus, the former being a retired business man, and both he and wife are members of St. John's Reformed church, to which Mr. and Mrs. Auck also belongs. The latter have two children: Carol Elizabeth, who was born Feb. 22, 1902, and Donald Knoedler, who was born Aug. 23, 1907. Mr. Auck is a member of the Blue Lodge, F. & A. M. In politics he is a Democrat.

C. P. DEERWESTER,* who is in the iron roofing business at Brokensword, O., residing on the edge of the town, is well known all through this section as for many years he has been at work at the carpenter trade, in Holmes and adjacent townships. He was born in Defiance county, O., Sept. 10, 1854, and is a son of Peter and Julia Ann (Hall) Deerwester.

Peter Deerwester was born in Clermont county, O., and was a farmer all his life, his death occurring at the age of 56 years. He married Julia Ann Hall, who was also a native of Clermont county, and they had two sons born to them: C. P. and W. S.; both of whom are residents of Holmes township, Crawford county.

The parents of the subject of this sketch died when he was but a babe and with the family of Isaac Heller the homeless little child was brought to Crawford county and here he was educated and afterward followed farming for about ten years and then began work as a carpenter. For some 20 years he followed that trade and has assisted in the erection of a large number of the most substantial buildings in this section. Since 1900 he has given his attention mainly to the iron roofing business.

Mr. Deerwester married Miss Rebecca Shupp, a daughter of Rev. Samuel Shupp, a representative of one of the old county families, and they have two children: W. E. and Grover P. The older son married Carrie J. Hattick and they are the parents of one son, Lloyd A. Our subject's younger son assists him in his business.

C. P. Deerwester has been active in local political circles and has served six terms as township assessor being elected to office on the Democratic ticket. He and his wife are members of the Evangelical Association. For a number of years he has been identified with the fraternal order of Foresters.

FRANK M. CAIRNS, foreman of the Pennsylvania Railway Company's round house, at Crestline, O., is a valued employe of a corporation with which he has been continuously identified for 35 years. He was born at Fort Wayne, Ind., in October, 1861, a son of James and Mary (Young) Cairns.

James Cairns and wife were born in Perth-

shire, Scotland; the old family estate in Scotland, belonged to the Cairnes for 300 years. In 1851 James Cairns and wife and their one son, James, came to the United States and located at Dunkirk, N. Y., where he secured work as a machinist, having learned this trade in his native land. In 1853 the family moved to Fort Wayne, Ind., where James Cairns entered the machine shops of the Pennsylvania Railroad and remained there until he was retired on the age limit, after a connection of 41 years. Later he came to Crestline and his death occurred here at the home of his son, Frank M., on March 27, 1909. He was a charter member of the Blue Lodge, F. & A. M., at Fort Wayne and past master of the same and was one of the organizers of the Caledonian Society of that city. He assisted in the organization of the Congregational church there and in all matters pertaining to good citizenship and true manhood he was a leading factor. His wife passed away at Fort Wayne, in November, 1903. She was a woman of admirable qualities and through these won recognition and esteem wherever she lived. She was a charter member of the Eastern Star, a charter member of the Congregational church and was president of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Caledonian Society. Three sons were born to James and Mary Cairns: James, John S. and Frank M. James Cairns, who is a building contractor at Wichita, Kans., was city marshal for nine years of Wichita; he married there and has two daughters, Edna and Nellie. John Cairns was a machinist with the Pennsylvania Railroad at Fort Wayne and died there when aged 27 years. His widow survived with two children—James, who was killed in a railroad accident at Butte, Mont.; and Mary, who became the wife of W. J. Hess of the Fort Wayne Post Office and has two children.

Frank M. Cairns has been connected with the Pennsylvania Railroad Company since August, 1877, first as an apprentice in the machine shops at Fort Wayne. He worked his way steadily upward until 1897, when he left that city for Chicago, Ill., where he was foreman in the Pennsylvania shops until 1900, when he came to Crestline. Prior to leaving Fort Wayne much responsibility had been given him, as he had charge of the erecting

department and more or less had charge of the machine department up to 1900, when he was appointed to take charge of the round-house at Crestline. This is a position of great responsibility as may be understood even by those not well informed concerning railroad affairs, while all railroad people, from the bottom to the top, understand that a man must have a pretty clear record and be deemed sober, reliable, experienced and skillful in order to secure a position of this kind. Mr. Cairns has every qualification for the place and has faithfully performed his duties here for the past twelve years.

Mr. Cairns was first married at Fort Wayne to Miss Sadie Kline, of that city, who died at Crestline, Nov. 1, 1904. The children born to that marriage were: Frank, who married Blanche Foltz, who is a machinist at Crestline and has four children—Nellie, William, Lloyd and Geneva; and Wilbert E., who is employed in the Pennsylvania Railway shops. Mr. Cairns was married, secondly, to Miss Mary Adams, who was born at Anderson, Ind., Sept. 8, 1876, a daughter of Ephraim and Nancy (Rector) Adams, of Anderson, where Mr. Adams still lives. The mother of Mrs. Cairns died July 29, 1912, at the age of 61 years and eleven months. Mr. Adams is a Democrat in politics. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church as was his wife. Mr. and Mrs. Cairns have no living children. They attend the Presbyterian church. A Republican in politics in National issues, Mr. Cairns votes according to his judgment in local matters. He belongs to the Crestline Lodge, F. & A. M.

ADAM NEFF, carpenter, builder and contractor at Crestline, O., has been in this line of business, including the operating of a planing mill, for more than 50 years. He was born near the city of Darmstadt, Germany, March 22, 1844, and is a son of Peter and Barbara (Pfeifer) Neff.

Peter Neff was born about 1822, in Germany, was reared there and married and after the birth of several children, he and his wife decided to emigrate to America where better advantages could be secured for their family. Taking passage on a sailing vessel they were safely landed at New York after 40

days on the sea, a storm nearly wrecking their ship on the last day, carrying away the masts. By water and wagon they finally reached Crestline, O., and then secured 110 acres of virgin land, situated in Hancock county, on which they built a log house and there spent the remainder of their lives, subsequently developing this wild land into one of the finest farms in Hancock county. This property remains a possession of the family. The mother died on that place in 1875, when aged 48 years, the father surviving until 1893, passing away when aged 71 years. They were members of the Lutheran church and were leaders in the same in those early days. By trade the father was a weaver but he was more than a skilled workman at that trade, having some knowledge of medicine and enough dental science to enable him to pull teeth without endangering life. He is recalled as a kind, generous, neighborly man, one who was unusually well qualified to be a member of a pioneer settlement. Of his sixteen children, ten grew to maturity and all married and became heads of families and five of these yet live.

Adam Neff was the eldest born of his parents' children and was but three years old when they came to America. He assisted on the home farm in boyhood but preferred a trade rather than an agricultural life and learned that of a carpenter. In 1864 he came to Crestline and was engaged here for 12 years and then went to Hardin county, where he became owner of, and foreman in, a planing mill and remained 12 years, going then to Lima, Allen county, where he was engaged as foreman in a planing mill. After an absence of 15 years, Mr. Neff returned to Crestline where he has become one of the leading men in his line of business and has been identified with a large part of the building operations which, in recent years, have enlarged and beautified Crestline.

On Dec. 20, 1866, at Crestline, Mr. Neff was married to Miss Catherine Poth, who was born in Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany, in 1847, and in the same year came to the United States with her parents, George and Maria (Mathias) Poth. The family landed at New Orleans, La., and came up the Mississippi and Ohio rivers to Cincinnati and then to Crestline, locating on a farm near this city. The

father of Mrs. Neff died in 1893, aged 71 years, and the mother passed away at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Neff, in 1901, at the age of 82 years. They were Lutheran church people, sturdy, honest, industrious and virtuous.

Four sons were born to Mr. and Mrs. Adam Neff, three of whom survive: Henry W., who is connected with the general offices of the Buckeye Pipe Line Company at Lima, O., and who is married and has one daughter, Lelia W.; John Adam, who is married and is manager of the shoe department of the J. L. Hudson Company at Cleveland, O.; and Charles F., a dry goods merchant at Galion, O., who is married and has three children—Lillian M., Bertha G. and Charles A. One son, Philip E., died in 1909, when aged 32 years.

Mr. Neff and family have always been more or less prominent in the Lutheran church and he has been a church official for many years. In politics he has always been a Democrat; for six years he was a township trustee, for seven years was a member of the town council for five years has been on the board of Public Affairs, and at the present time is serving as president of this civic body. Fraternally he is identified with the Odd Fellows, and belongs also to several insurance organizations.

GEORGE L. JENNER, whose 160-acre farm, lying eleven miles northeast of Bucyrus, O., is a very valuable property and one of the best cultivated and productive farm in Sandusky township, Crawford county, belongs to a highly respected old German-American family of this section. He was born in 1852, in Liberty township, Crawford county, and is a son of John G. and Mary A. (Ackerman) Jenner.

John G. Jenner was born in Wittenberg, Germany, probably about 1832, and was 16 years of age when he came to the United States. After living for one year in Pennsylvania, he came to Ohio and lived in Liberty township, Crawford county, until after the birth of his children, when he bought the farm in Sandusky township which is owned by his son, George L. His other children were: Benjamin F., Mary, Elizabeth, Eme-

line, Emanuel and Amelia. Mary married Peter Weller and they live at Bucyrus.

George L. Jenner married Miss Louise Marie Soldan, who was born in Germany, where she was reared and went to school. Her parents are Michael and Bertha (Bold) Soldan, and she has four brothers, only one of whom left Germany. He is Julius J. Soldan and is a resident of Brooklyn, N. Y. He married Elizabeth Grimm and they have five children: Louise, born May 14, 1900; Peter, born Dec. 26, 1901; Lillian, born Aug. 20, 1904; Alice, born Nov. 10, 1906; and Dorothy, born Sept. 14, 1908. Mr. and Mrs. Jenner are members of the Lutheran church. Although never active in politics, Mr. Jenner is a good citizen and aims at all times to do his full duty.

CARL L. OTTO, manager of the Farmers' Milling Company, a business of considerable importance in Crawford county, the headquarters being at Crestline, is a man well qualified for a position of this kind, being a practical miller and since the age of 13 years, interested in this industry. He was born at Mansfield, O., Feb. 7, 1880, and is a son of Franz and Caroline (Kames) Otto.

Franz Otto was born in Germany and when he was old enough to enter business, became a miller as was his father and grandfather, this having been the family trade for generations. He married in Germany and after the birth of two children, he and wife came to the United States just after the close of the Civil War and settled first at Mansfield, O. and afterward lived in Richland county until his death in the fall of 1909, at the age of 65 years. His widow still resides at Mansfield, being now in her 68th year. To Franz Otto and wife four children were born: Edward, who died at the age of 36 years; Elizabeth, who resides with her mother at Mansfield; Helen, who is bookkeeper for the Farmers' Milling Company; and Carl L.

Carl L. Otto was reared at Mansfield and in Richland county, working under his father in the milling business and receiving a thorough German training in the same. The Farmers' Milling Company at Crestline was established in 1903 and under Mr. Otto's able management has developed into one of the

most prosperous enterprises of this section. The officials of the company are all farmers belonging to the capitalist class, including Messrs. Musselman, Brandt, Charles Coons and R. M. Taylor, all of Richland county. This company manufactures all mill products and makes a specialty of the Sweet Home brand of flour, and they have a market all over the State of Ohio, the capacity of their mills being 90 barrels a day.

Mr. Otto was married at Oberlin, O., to Miss Eleanor B. Bell who was born at Youngstown and educated at Cleveland, O. They have had three children, two of whom died in infancy, Carl Louis surviving. He is identified with the Knights of Pythias but otherwise belongs only to business organizations.

WILLIAM M. BECK, who is one of the substantial and representative citizens of Crawford county, O., owning 97 acres in Polk township and 90 acres in Jefferson township, was born in the latter township, March 16, 1858, and is a son of Isaac W. and Catherine (Henry) Beck.

The parents of Mr. Beck were born in Pennsylvania. For many years the father was a farmer in Jefferson township, Crawford county. Both he and wife were members of the English Lutheran church, and when they passed away their burial was in Fairview Cemetery, at Galion. They were parents of the following children: Mary E., who married George B. Morrison, Simon H.; Mahala J., who married William Moderwell; Margaret, who married John K. Shearer; Eliza E., who married J. A. Schreck; Sina Bell, who married L. K. Umbarger; William M. and John.

William M. Beck attended the public schools in Polk township, and later the Mansfield Normal School and also studied one term in a school at Fostoria, O. After that he assisted his father on the home place until he reached his majority and then worked for his father until the latter's death. He has spent his entire business life, with the exception of nine years, on his present farm. For some 20 years he conducted a dairy in connection with his other farm industries but does little in that direction at present. Mr.

Beck has one of the best improved properties in this section, a handsome residence with a modern system of heating and acetylene lighting. His buildings are situated on the Galion and Bucyrus highway, a very desirable location.

On Sept. 27, 1887, Mr. Beck was married to Miss Lydia M. Grimes, who was born in Perry county, O., a daughter of Josiah and Lydia Sparr (Wheatcraft) Grimes. Mrs. Beck is one of the following family: Eliza, wife of Charles Schofield; Nancy, wife of Richard Adcock; Sarah, wife of Robert Adcock; Mary, wife of Levi Brown; Media, wife of F. L. Beck; Lucy, wife of Frederick Wolfe. Cordelia, wife of Thomas Sherod; Hannah, wife of John Guthrie; Joseph and Lydia M. To Mr. and Mrs. Beck six children have been born, namely: Ethel S., who is the wife of Roy Kishler; and Irving G., Whitney S., Ruth C., Clara E. and Oliver Thoburn. Mr. Beck and family attended the United Brethren church. He casts his political vote with the Prohibition party. Mr. Beck is a progressive farmer and is a member of Polk Grange, at Galion. His ballot will be cast for "Equal Suffrage" Sept. 3, 1912.

THOMAS SNODGRASS, deceased, was one of the pioneer business men of Crestline, where he was engaged in the meat business for 43 years and was a representative, reputable and substantial man of this city. He was born in Washington county, Pa., April 29, 1832, and is a son of William and Margaret (Chambers) Snodgrass.

The parents of Mr. Snodgrass were also born in Washington county and were of Scotch and Irish ancestry, the Chambers family in Ireland belonging to the gentry class. The families were established in Pennsylvania prior to the Revolutionary War. In 1840, William Snodgrass with his wife and three children, Thomas, Sarah J. and Mary, started with teams attached to big wagons to make the overland journey to a new home in Jackson township, Crawford county. To Thomas, who was then eight years old, and his sisters, who were younger, the journey was a great adventure, but it was a grave matter to the father and mother. In part they realized the hardships they would probably have to face

and the dangers they would encounter, but it was a long and tiresome trip. At night they camped by the road side and in the morning plodded on, their courage keeping up until they reached the forest within which their selected home lay, when Mr. Snodgrass had to chop a road before the spot could be reached. Afterward he cut down trees and thus secured a site for the first log cabin, which served until a better one could be built, which later was supplanted by a handsome, comfortable frame one which, with barns and other farm buildings, are yet standing. Although far removed from all the pleasures and comforts of civilization, to which they had been accustomed, the family led a happy, busy, contented life and through industry and frugality increased their possessions and at the time of death, William Snodgrass was able to leave an estate of 200 acres of improved land. They were members of the Presbyterian church. The first wife of William Snodgrass died in 1849, in the prime of life, her youngest child being only one year old at that time. His second marriage was to Rachel Warden, who, at death, left five children.

Thomas Snodgrass grew to manhood in Jackson township and gave his father assistance on the home farm. He preferred an active business life rather than an agricultural one and left the farm and came to Crestline, which, at that time, was but a hamlet. Here he established his meat market and continued in the same line until the close of his life on Feb. 10, 1901, having been continuously in business since 1858. Mr. Snodgrass at times had invested in real estate and had become one of the men of ample fortune here. A Republican in his political sentiments, he voted according to his conscience and judgment and rarely was willing to consider public office for himself, although, at one time, he served as city assessor.

In Jefferson township, Crawford county, Mr. Snodgrass was married to Miss Eleanor Walker, who was born in Crawford county, Sept. 8, 1830, and died at Crestline, Jan. 22, 1887. She was a daughter of Joseph and Esther (Garven) Walker, natives of Ohio, and very early settlers of the county, where they died in 1854 and 1855 respectively. A sister of Mrs. Snodgrass, now over 80 years

of age, still survives and lives at Blairsville, Pa. Five children were born to Thomas Snodgrass and wife, namely: Margaret A., who was born, reared and has always lived at Crestline; Josephine, who is the wife of Frank P. Drake, of Massillon, O., and has three children; Mary F. and William F., twins, the former of whom is the wife of F. D. Steffey, of Blairsville, Indiana county, Pa., and the latter of whom died at Crestline, unmarried, in 1908, when aged 49 years; and one babe that died unnamed.

Miss Margaret A. Snodgrass devoted herself to the care of her parents in their old age, unselfishly putting aside personal ambitions that might have interfered with the tender care she desired to give them, and finds compensation in the realization of duty faithfully performed. She is well known through Crestline and Jackson township and is much esteemed. She attends the Methodist Episcopal church at Crestline.

MARCUS H. McCLAIN, one of the venerable and honored citizens of Galion, O., was born in Highland county, O., Dec. 5, 1826. His grandfather, David McClain, was born in Scotland, and before coming to the United States was united in marriage with an Irish lady. They crossed the Atlantic Ocean in the days when such a voyage was a test of courage, and after reaching the United States, located in Beaver county, Pa., where at least a part of their family of children were born.

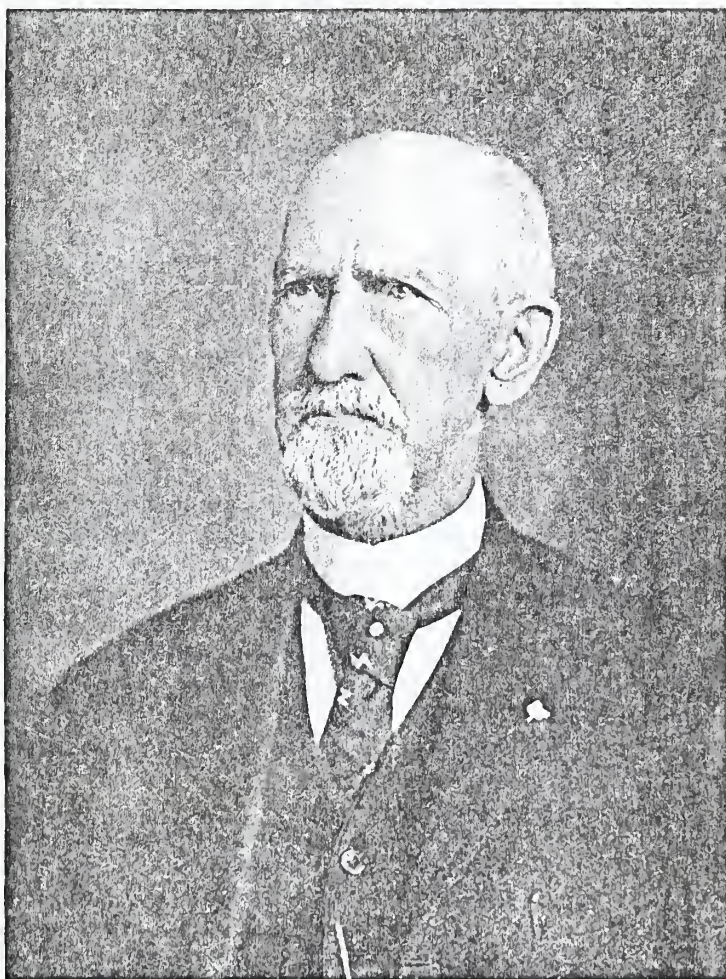
Daniel McClain, son of David McClain and wife, was born in Beaver county, Pa., in 1798, and in the early twenties came to Ohio. He was a hatter by trade and worked as a hat manufacturer at various places. He married Mary A. Robinson, who was born in North Carolina and from there was taken in childhood to Culpepper county, Va., by her parents, Joshua Robinson and wife. In the early twenties the Robinsons came to Ohio, settling first in Highland county and moving later to Logan county. Joshua Robinson was married twice, his second wife having been an Antrum. They were Quakers in religious belief. Both lived into old age, Joshua Robinson surviving to the age of 94 years.

Daniel McClain carried on business at different places and proved an enterprising and

resourceful man. For some years he was engaged in locating on and improving farms which he would sell to later settlers, but subsequently established his permanent home in Logan county. He was able to see and take advantage of business opportunities and for some years made the butter contracting business profitable. Some of the older residents often contend that former days were more satisfactory to live in, in the light of the present high cost of both necessities and luxuries, and in this connection it is interesting to note the cost of butter in the days when Mr. McClain considered it a lucrative business to handle it. He purchased his butter for six cents a pound in Delaware, Union and Knox counties, and sold it at Bellefontaine for twelve cents a pound, the advance rate being sufficient to pay handsomely for its handling. He was also in the wool buying business, and prior to 1850 was engaged as a merchant at East Liberty, Logan county. His activities were curtailed some two years before his death, in 1856, through loss of eyesight. He was a pronounced anti-slavery man and his home was an underground station for escaping slaves during that period of great unrest in the country concerning human slavery. Daniel McClain was one of the first men in Ohio to be made a Freemason and he took pride and pleasure in the fraternity.

To Daniel McClain and wife five children were born, all of whom grew to maturity and all, save one who died when aged 20 years, married and had families. The only survivor is Dr. Marcus H. McClain, the first born, for many years a resident of Galion. The mother survived the father for some years and died in Galion. Both were members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Marcus H. McClain was variously employed, mainly in assisting his father, until he was 30 years of age, when he entered a drug store at Wilmington, O. At that time, as he humorously asserts, he did not know the difference between salt and salts, but he had a natural taste in the line of this profession and an ambition that caused him to apply himself strenuously to the studies which finally made complete his knowledge of pharmacy. In the fall of 1859 he came to Galion and here, for 40 years, he continued in the drug business,



MARCUS H. McCLAIN

not only acquiring an ample fortune in the same but also building up a reputation for reliability in this line that led to his earning his title of Doctor. Some ten years ago Dr. McClain retired from active business participation as far as his drug store is concerned, but he still continues president of the Galion Building, Loan and Savings Corporation, which was established in 1881. He was one of the organizers and still is president of the Galion Cemetery board, and for several years was a member of the city council.

Dr. McClain was married (first) in Union county, O., to Miss Lucy A. Reed, who died in 1868, when aged 45 years. Two daughters and three sons were born to them: Mrs. L. H. Green, who is a resident of Galion; Mrs. Joseph an infant son that died unnamed; William W., who died at the age of seventeen years; and Howard B., who died when aged six years. Dr. McClain was married (second) to Mrs. Malinda (Sanford) Bassett, who was the widow of Dr. Bassett, of Ravenna, O. She died at Galion, July 7, 1889, and was survived by a daughter born to her first marriage, Helen Bassett, who is now married and resides at Bellefontaine, O. Dr. McClain later married Mrs. Mary A. (Walsh) Boure, who was born at Bellville, O., a daughter of James and Sarah (Bell) Walsh, former residents of Crawford county. Dr. and Mrs. McClain are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. For 64 years he has been a member of both the Masons and Odd Fellows and has served officially in both local lodges.

WILLIAM COOK,* deceased, who was widely known in railroad circles in Ohio, having been connected with the leading systems for many years, was held in the highest esteem by the traveling public, with whom he came into association as a passenger conductor, and also by the different officials who recognized his efficiency and fidelity. He was born in the city of New York, in 1852, and died at Cleveland, O., in 1890. Mr. Cook came to Galion in early manhood and for some time afterward was with the Erie Railroad, for some subsequent years was a passenger conductor on the Wabash Railway, still later was with the Big Four Railway Company, and at the time of his accidental death, was with

the Lake Shore Railway. His burial was in Lake View Cemetery, Cleveland.

Mr. Cook was married to Miss Della Atwood, who was born at Galion and educated in this city and has made it her home since the death of her husband, her residence being located at No. 442 South Main street. She is a daughter of Alpheus and Cynthia (Tracy) Atwood. The father of Mrs. Cook was born at Dunkirk, N. Y., a son of Alpheus Atwood, who died there. After his father's death, Alpheus Atwood, Jr., accompanied his mother to Ohio, and following her death, at Mansfield, came to Galion, in the early fifties, where he became a prominent banker and merchant. He owned a large amount of property here and Atwood street was named in his honor. He was very public-spirited and favored new business enterprises as a means of developing the city, and at one time donated 13 acres of land on which the Big Four Railroad erected its railroad station. He was an ardent Republican but was too busy a man to enter very actively into politics. His death occurred at Galion in 1881, at the age of 68 years. He married Cynthia Tracy, who was born near Galion and for the past 16 years has been a resident of Cleveland. Her parents were early settlers in Crawford county, John and Julia (Green) Tracy, who were natives of Pennsylvania. Mr. Tracy at one time was proprietor of the old Galion Hotel and later built the commodious Capital House, on the corner of East Main and Washington streets, near the Big Four Railway station. This hotel was destroyed by fire in 1893. His widow survived him and at the time of death was in her 93rd year.

To Mr. and Mrs. Cook two children were born: Grace, who is a graduate of the Galion High School; and George Edward, who is in the automobile business at Detroit, Mich. Mrs. Cook and daughter are members of the Methodist Episcopal church and she is active in the Ladies' Aid Society and is one of the interested and valued members of the W. C. T. U., at Galion.

GEORGE F. ALTAFFER, who conducts a large meat market at Crestline, O., with quarters at No. 367 Seltzer street, is one of the prosperous and fully occupied business

men of this city. He was born at Mt. Vernon, O., July 24, 1878, and is a son of John and Sigourney (Cassel) Altaffer.

John Altaffer was born in Columbian county, O., and died at Toledo, O., Oct. 8, 1910, after an honorable service of 40 years in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad as freight and passenger conductor. He was widely known and stood high with railroad men, belonging to the leading organizations and possessing the courage and fidelity to duty that arouses esteem and admiration. In politics he was a Republican and belonged to the order of Knights of Pythias at Mt. Vernon and to the Odd Fellows at Crestline. He married Sigourney Cassel, who survives and who was born on the old Cassel homestead within two miles of Crestline, Oct. 19, 1848. She is a member of the English Lutheran church. Eleven children were born, as follows: John and James, both of whom died in childhood; Anna M., who is the wife of H. M. Brown, of Crestline, and has two children—Helen and Ruth; Margaret V., who resides at home; William C., who lives at Crestline, and who married Gertrude Jenkins; Rufus B., who is a conductor with the Pennsylvania Railroad; George F., subject of this sketch; Catherine T., who is the wife of William A. Smith, a merchant, and has one son, Wilbur; Bessie V., who is the wife of Earl Spelman, a railway mail clerk at Crestline; David Henry, a polisher, who resides at Crestline; and Frank Cassel, who is a flagman with the Pennsylvania Railroad.

George F. Altaffer was four years old when his people came to Crestline, where he attended school and then learned the machinist trade and followed the same for ten years, since when he has been in the meat business. He started his present market in July, 1907 and has met with much success in his undertaking. He caters to the very best trade and does his own slaughtering, having an abattoir near the city. His careful selection and handling of meats and his sanitary quarters, combined with business methods of entire honesty, have and still continue to contribute to his prosperity. He attends to the details of his business himself and requires the assistance of three helpers.

Mr. Altaffer, like several other members of

his family, has never married. He and brothers are Republicans in their political affiliation and he is identified with the leading fraternal organizations, being a thirty-second degree Mason, a captain in the Uniform Rank of the Knights of Pythias, a member of the order of Eagles and of the Elks, the latter at Bucyrus. Additionally he is vice president of the Masonic Club and is serving in the city council.

EUGENE E. FRY, one of the enterprising and successful farmers of Cranberry township, Crawford county, O., who lives on his valuable farm of 152 acres, situated in sections 27 and 22, was born in this township, June 30, 1864, and is a son of John C. and Mary (Becker) Fry.

John C. Fry was born Sept. 27, 1836, near Sulphur Springs in Crawford county, and died on his old farm in Cranberry township, Feb. 3, 1911, when aged 74 years, four months and six days. He was one of ten children born to his parents, John H. and Catherine Fry. He grew up on the farm and during 1858-9 he was a student at Oberlin College, preparing for teaching and also cultivating his marked musical talents. Afterward he taught school for one year in Wyandot county and then went to Missouri, where he taught until the outbreak of the Civil War, when he returned to Ohio. On Nov. 12, 1862, he married Mary A. Becker, who died Jan. 4, 1898, the mother of three sons and one daughter: Eugene, Elmer, William and Minnie. After marriage they located on unimproved land in Cranberry township, which, through the industry and perseverance of Mr. Fry was developed into a fertile farm. He was one of the founders and one of the main financial supporters of the Tabor church near his home. In 1889 when Mr. and Mrs. Fry retired to Tiffin they identified themselves with the Methodist Protestant body there. Following the death of his wife, Mr. Fry spent his time with his children, ever being a welcome presence. He was a man widely known and universally respected. Both he and wife rest in the Union Cemetery near Sulphur Springs.

Eugene E. Fry has been engaged in agricultural pursuits ever since his school days, and is one of the progressive farmers of this sec-

tion, a charter member of Cranberry Township Grange. He married Miss Ida Elizabeth McKeehen, who was born in Liberty township, Crawford county, a daughter of Samuel A. McKeehen, and they have four children: Nina May, who is the wife of Milton A. Ulmer, of Tiro, O.; and John E., Carl Elsworth and Edith Marie, all living at home. Mr. Fry and family are members of the Christian church. He is a Democrat when he casts his political vote, but otherwise takes but little interest in political matters.

W. F. L. BLOCK, a retired merchant of Galion, O., where he was active in the business field for many years, was born at Galion, Nov. 6, 1854 and was reared and educated here. Mr. Block is a son of Julius F. Block, a native of Greiswald, Prussia, who came to the United States in 1853 when a young man and located at Galion where he was a carpenter and contractor. He married Susanna Peusch, a native of Germany, who also came to the United States in 1853. To them were born one child, W. F. L. Block, the subject of this article. Julius F. Block died at Galion, Feb. 16, 1903, aged 75 years, his wife surviving until Dec. 8, 1911, when aged 85 years.

After his school days were over, Mr. Block worked at the carpenter trade for seven years and then became a clerk in a local dry goods establishment and continued until he embarked in the grocery and dry goods business for himself, in 1885. After some years of successful trading he enlarged the scope of his business, adding carpets and wall paper to his stock, and continued without intermission until 1907, when he retired. Through good judgment and natural aptitude for business, Mr. Block prospered and became one of the representative men of Galion. With pride he has watched the development of his native city into one of the important business centers of the State and has born no insignificant part in much of the material progress made.

Mr. Block was married at Galion to Miss Lonisa S. Ricker, lifelong resident in the near vicinity of Galion, and they have the following children: Amelia, who married Peter Wiener, of Galion and has three sons—Edward, Robert and Julius; Bertha, who resides with her

husband, A. W. Bradfield, dealer in art supplies, at Columbus, O., and has two daughters, Mary Louise and Margaret; Arthur W., who is proprietor of several drug stores at Columbus, O., and who married Florence Fisher, of Columbus, O., and has one son, Nelson; Carl F., who is located at Columbus and who is connected with the Marion Publishing Company, of Springfield, Mass.; and Oscar M., who is an artist connected with the Art Institute of Chicago, Ill. Mr. Block and family belong to the Reformed church. He and sons were Republicans in their political affiliation, and he is identified fraternally with the Masons. The family is one widely known at Galion and in every way is held in esteem.

GEORGE LAFAYETTE WAGONER, who is a valued employe of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, and the oldest freight conductor on the main line between Pittsburg and Chicago, has been connected with this road for 41 years and has witnessed many changes and a remarkable growth in this great system. He was born in Stark county, O., March 3, 1850, a son of Henry and Sarah (Nolan) Wagoner.

Henry Wagoner and wife were both born in Pennsylvania, he being of German ancestry and she of Irish. They were married in Stark county, O., having accompanied their parents there when young, and afterward they secured Government land which they developed into a valuable property and on their farm spent 47 years of married life. Mr. Wagoner was born in 1801, a son of Johanus Wagner, as it was then spelled, and died in 1882, the death of his wife following in 1884, her birth having been in 1815. They found their church home in the Reformed body. Fifteen children were born to Henry Wagoner and wife, seven of whom reached maturity, all married and five became heads of families. Of these three sons and one daughter are yet living.

George L. Wagoner was the third youngest of his parents' children and he grew up in Stark county and attended the country schools. In 1871 he came to Crestline and on Sept. 23, 1871, entered the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad, first as a brakeman. On Jan. 19, 1874 he was promoted to the office of con-

ductor and has served continuously in this capacity ever since and with one exception has never had any serious accident, in which he fortunately escaped with his life but lost his fireman. From 1871 to 1892 his run was between Crestline and Alliance, O. and afterward from Crestline to Pittsburg. For 32 years he has occupied the same "caboose" and undoubtedly would feel homesick should another car of this kind be substituted. While a fireman probably has to possess more muscle and endurance than a conductor, it is largely the latter's good judgment that ensures the safety of the train.

At Crestline, O., Mr. Wagoner was married Sept. 19, 1876, to Miss Cornelia Fecher, who was born at Columbia, Lancaster county, Pa., Feb. 1, 1853. When she was 14 years of age she came to Crestline with her parents, Oliver P. and Catherine (Ort) Fecher. Her father was born in Germany and her mother in Pennsylvania and they were married in Lancaster county. Mr. Fecher began railroad life in Pennsylvania and for some years was yardmaster at Allegheny, Pa., before the Civil War closed, and prior to coming to Crestline, where his death occurred at the home of Mrs. Wagoner, on Sept. 8, 1905, the death of his wife having occurred at Crestline Jan. 8, 1890. They were members of the German Lutheran church. In politics he was a Democrat while fraternally he was a Freemason. Of the seven children of Mr. and Mrs. Fecher, Mrs. Wagoner was the third eldest and two sons and two daughters are yet living. Mrs. Wagoner's grand-uncle was a military man and served in the War of 1812, and Mr. and Mrs. Wagoner carefully preserve the sword he carried and no doubt bravely wielded it on many a battle field. They take an interest in heirlooms and have a number of souvenirs with interesting histories. They have no children.

In politics Mr. Wagoner has been allied with the Republican party since early manhood. He is one of the oldest members of the Order of Railway Conductors and now belongs to Alliance Division No. 177, and for 22 years he has been identified with the fraternal order of Knights of Pythias. Mr. and Mrs. Wagoner are faithful members of the English Lutheran church, and they have many

friends at Crestline, both in and outside of railroad circles.

WILLIAM JONES, a well known and respected citizen of Crestline, O., a retired railroad man, was born at Watertown, Litchfield county, Conn., July 4, 1840. Beyond the fact that his grandfather came to New England from Wales and that his parents lived and died in Connecticut, Mr. Jones knows little of the early history of his people. He was an orphan, when, in childhood, he was taken by a brother and sister of New York State and as far as he knows, has survived them.

On a farm in New York William Jones grew to the age of 20 years and then made his way to Pittsburg, Pa., and in 1860 entered the railway shops at Allegheny, Pa., in the painting department, where he continued for ten years, during a part of this time being assistant foreman of the shops. In 1870 the company sent him to Crestline to take full charge of the car painting department at this place and he continued as foreman until August, 1910, when he was retired on a liberal pension, having been a faithful employe for 50 years. As a further testimonial of appreciation he was presented with a pass over all the company's lines. It is a matter of justifiable pride to Mr. Jones that his well rendered services were appreciated. He has a circle of friends at Crestline that includes all the old railroad men as well as neighbors of many years' standing and a birthday celebration was arranged in 1910, his 70th anniversary, which was a memorable occasion for all present. Mr. Jones was presented by his railroad and other friends with a handsome leather reclining chair and an emblematic Knight Templar pillow, tokens of affection which could not fail of appreciation. For 45 years Mr. Jones has been a master Mason and for 42 of these he has belonged to the Commandery at Mansfield. He takes a deep interest in the stirring public events of the times and in his political views maintains an independent attitude.

Mr. Jones was married (first) at Allegheny, Pa., to Miss Catherine Van Winkle, who died at Crestline in 1880, at the age of 40 years, the devoted mother of five children, four of whom died young. One daughter, Lillie B. survived until Feb. 23, 1907, and she is survived

by her husband, Marion Jones, and two daughters. Mr. Jones was married (second), at Crestline, in October, 1881, to Miss Mary Clark, who was born in Knox county, O., Dec. 9, 1844, and was reared and educated in Richland county, a daughter of Willis and Anna (Speer) Clark. The father of Mrs. Jones was of Welsh ancestry but was born in New York, while her mother, of Irish parentage, was born in Pennsylvania. They came young to Ohio, where they subsequently were married and settled down as farming people in Richland county. Mr. Clark was born Aug. 10, 1810 and died at Butler, O., in 1877. Afterward his widow came to Crestline, where her death occurred June 19, 1899, her birth having taken place June 19, 1810. She was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, but Mr. Clark was of the Universalist faith. Of their children two daughters are living: Mrs. Jones and her sister Lucy, who is the wife of A. B. Eicher, a retired farmer of Jefferson, Greene county, Ia. Mr. and Mrs. Eicher have no children.

To Mr. and Mrs. Jones one daughter was born, Maybell, who was born, reared and educated at Crestline, being a graduate of the Crestline High School, in the class of 1904. In 1905 she was married to Paul H. Blum, who is in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railway Company, having charge of the oil cars and oil house. Mr. and Mrs. Blum have the following children: William David, who was born April 27, 1906; Mary Winnifred, who was born Dec. 28, 1908; and Robert Paul, who was born May 21, 1912. Mr. Jones and family are members of the Presbyterian church.

WILLIAM M. BELTZ, a native son of Crawford county, was born in Polk township, Oct. 29, 1853. He is the owner of 107 acres of land, 80 of which are located in Polk township and 27 in Whetstone township. His father, John C. Beltz, is still a well known resident of this county, but his mother, who was in maidenhood Nancy Reed, died Dec. 26, 1890.

John C. Beltz was born in Center county, Pa., coming to Ohio with his parents, where he grew up and married. To him and his wife were born the following children: Sarah Jane, who became the wife of William Shearer; Elias, deceased; Jemima Jane, who

was married first to John Keifer and upon his death became the wife of John Shumaker; William M., the subject of this article; Alonzo Perry; Elizabeth, the wife of William Wiggs; Willard J., deceased; and Nancy Margaret, who lives at home with her father.

After attending the common schools of his locality, William M. Beltz spent two terms at the normal school at Fostoria and after spending two terms in teaching turned his attention to farming and has since made this his life's occupation. He first bought 35 acres of land, to which he added 45 acres ten years ago and it is on this latter tract that he has built his comfortable home. The 27 acres in Whetstone township he has owned for 18 years.

William M. Beltz was first united in marriage with Miss Ida J. Kile, a daughter of Tobias and Catherine (Knipp) Kile. She died April 6, 1889 and he then married her sister Amanda. Tobias Kile was a well known farmer of Crawford county. Both he and his wife are now deceased and are buried in Kile cemetery, in Whetstone township. Tobias and Catherine Kile were natives of Germany, who emigrated to America where they entered land from the government. They were in religious faith German Lutherans and Tobias Kile was a Democrat in his political views. To them were born the following children: Eva, the wife of Jacob Helfrick; Philip; Peter; Elizabeth, who married Peter Knipp; Catherine, the wife of Simeon Kiess; Sarah, the wife of Joseph Dinkle; Fred; Eli; Amanda, the wife of our subject; and Ida, now deceased, who was the first wife of William M. Beltz.

In politics William M. Beltz is a Democrat and has served four years as school director. He is a member of Polk Grange at Galion.

JOSEPH MOTSCH,* who is in the brick and tile making business at Galion, O., with plant on East Main Street, has been in the butcher business here since 1868 and controls the leading meat and fish market in the city. He was born in Baden, Germany, Oct. 14, 1847, and is a son of John and Mary Anna (Thoma) Motsch.

The Motsch family, father, mother and the child, Joseph, the latter being the only one of several to survive, left Germany in 1854 and took passage on the sailing ship Ravensworth, for the United States. Thirty-two days were

passed on the Atlantic Ocean and after landing they came immediately to Galion, O. The father was a stone mason by trade and followed the same for many years and he was a good business man up to the time of his death in 1871, both he and wife dying at the age of 58 years although he survived her two years. They were Roman Catholics in religious belief.

Joseph Motsch grew to manhood at Galion and attended both the parochial and public schools and afterward went into the meat business and continued for 18 years, closing up that line in 1900, when he went into the brick business, to which he added tile manufacturing in 1908, and recently reopened his market and placed it under the management to his son Bernard Motsch. Mr. Motsch is a man of enterprise and his different undertakings have prospered because of the close attention he devotes to them and the foresight and good judgment with which he entered into them.

Mr. Motsch was married at Galion to Miss Louise Reister, who was born in this city and died here when aged 40 years, the mother of four children: Clara, who lives in Ohio, and is married and has two children; Emma, who is the wife of Edward Englehart, residing at Cuyahoga Falls, and has one daughter, Louise; Henrietta, who is the wife of Charles McLaughlin, and who lives at Tucson, Ariz., and has three daughters; and Bernard, who manages the meat business as before mentioned, and lives at home. Mr. Motsch was married (second) to Miss Catherine McLaughlin, who was born at Ashland, Pa., and has lived at Galion since she was ten years old, and they have three children: Mary Carmel, Joseph, Jr., and Paul, all of whom are students in the public schools. Mr. Motsch and family are members of St. Peter's Roman Catholic church and he belongs to the Knights of Columbus. In his political views he is a Democrat and has served two terms in the city council, where his practical business way of looking at things has made him a very useful official.

HARRY M. McJUNKIN, assistant postmaster at Crestline, O., a reliable, well known and representative citizen, was born at Nevada, Wyandot county, O., June 18, 1870, and

is a son of John A. and Mary (Montgomery) McJunkin.

John A. McJunkin was of Scotch-Irish ancestry. During the Civil War he was a soldier in the Federal Army, serving in Co. C, 163rd O. Vol. Inf., and after his return engaging in farming and subsequently in merchandising at Nevada, O., and still later became a stationary engineer with the Pennsylvania Railroad. At the age of 70 years he retired from active life and is one of Crestline's well known and respected citizens. In politics he has long been a stanch Republican. He married Mary Montgomery and two sons were born to them: Horatio and Harry M.

Harry M. McJunkin was brought to Crestline in 1871 by his parents and attended the Crestline schools, afterward serving an apprenticeship of three years in a pottery situated in southwestern Indiana and one year as kiln placer. Afterward he was a clerk in a grocery store at Crestline and was then appointed assistant postmaster, on April 1, 1898. The Crestline office belongs to the second class and does a large volume of business. Three carriers cover the territory, with three daily deliveries.

In 1898 Mr. McJunkin was married at Crestline to Miss Grace Hunt, a daughter of Nelson D. and Laura B. (Howten) Hunt, residents of this city. The father of Mrs. McJunkin was born in Ohio and his wife in Indiana. They were married at Crestline, where Mr. Hunt is an employee of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. They are members of the English Lutheran church. Mr. Hunt is identified with the Republican party. Mr. and Mrs. Hunt have three children: Walter, who lives at Cleveland, O.; Jessie, who is the wife of Walter Mans, of Cleveland, and has two children; and Mrs. McJunkin. To Mr. and Mrs. McJunkin five children have come, the record being as follows: Robert, born July 13, 1899; Albert, Aug. 10, 1902; Marion, Aug. 1, 1904; Kathleen, Oct. 26, 1906; and Winifred, Oct. 2, 1909. Mr. McJunkin was reared in the Presbyterian church. He is a Freemason and is past master of the lodge at Crestline.

HOLLISTER F. DOLL, who is one of the prominent men of Crawford county, widely known through family connections and busi-



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ness interests, is making a success of a very necessary industry, the growing of farm seeds, to which he devotes a part of his 190 finely cultivated acres, his place being situated seven miles north of Crestline, O. and four miles west of Shelby, O. He was born in that part of Crawford county, which was formerly in Richland county, in 1853, and is a son of John and Mary (Rogers) Doll. The parents were born in Adams county, Pa., and came from there to Ohio by wagon in 1836. The father was a carpenter by trade and after serving a four years apprenticeship in the city of Baltimore, he entered in association with Rev. Joshua Crause, they being the only carpenters in the vicinity. They erected most of the pioneer residences in the Dixon settlement. Later John Doll became a farmer in Crawford county. He and his wife were the parents of the following children: Horatio, Wesley, a soldier in the Civil War, Luther, John, Sarah J., Mary A., Lucinda, Caroline and Almira. The survivors are: Mrs. Sarah J. Hershiser; Mrs. Mary A. Baker, Mrs. Elmira Dixon and Hollister F.

Hollister F. Doll followed an agricultural life for 25 years after leaving school, and then embarked in the insurance business and dealt also in real estate. For a number of years he was connected with the Crawford County Fire Insurance Company as a director and adjuster, and during this time was also notary public. Failing health compelled him to retire from that line of work and since then he has devoted himself exclusively to his farm interests together with attending to the duties that public office frequently entail. He conducted a dairy business in connection with his farming for 12 years. He built the first two silos in Crawford county and at that time was a member of the Ohio State Dairy Association. For ten years Mr. Doll served as a member of the election board, was Supervisor for a number of years and also member of school board being president of said board a part of that time. He has written many articles for newspapers on political, dairy and agricultural topics.

Mr. Doll married Miss Eveline Markley, a native of this county and a daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth (Stough) Markley. Her grandfathers were Horatio Markley and John

G. Stough of this county. To her parents were born the following children: John G.; Horatio W.; Jonas, deceased; Jennie, wife of James L. Lauker; and Fenia, wife of R. T. Bower. Upon the death of Joseph Markley, Mrs. Markley married Peter Rutan and to them was born one daughter, Anna, who is the wife of Oliver Horton, superintendent of the steel plant at London, Canada. Mr. and Mrs. Doll have two daughters: Jennie Z., who married Jacob Stevens, of Toledo, O.; and Bessie J., who is the wife of Ora Taylor, a son of Dr. Taylor, of Marietta, O., and has four children—Thurman Hollister, James E., Donna E. and Kathleen M. Mr. Doll and family belong to the Lutheran church.

WILLIAM LAUER, mason contractor in business at Galion, O., who bears the reputation of being one of the most thoroughly reliable men in his line in Crawford county, is a native of Germany, born in Wurtemberg, Feb. 27, 1849, a son of Mathias and Mary (Hild) Lauer.

Mathias Lauer and wife spent their lives in Germany, where they died aged respectively 50 and 64 years. They were consistent members of the German Lutheran church and they lived on a small farm all their lives and reared their seven children carefully and frugally. One son, David, was killed in the French and German War of 1871, and when but 20 years of age, their son William became a soldier for the same service.

For seven years William Lauer fought for the Fatherland in the wars and campaigns of that period and before he returned home had seen much danger and hardship, and before Paris fell received a dangerous wound in the jaw. In 1878 he set sail for the United States, landing at the port of New York and going from there to join his brother Mathias, who had reached this country ten years before and subsequently died in Indiana. In 1880 William Lauer came to Galion, went to work at the trade he had learned in his own land before becoming a soldier, and for the past 18 years has been in the contracting business on his own account. In a large part of the building work that has contributed to make Galion a city of homes as well as of commercial structures, Mr. Lauer has been interested in a busi-

ness way and so creditably that he is naturally considered when anything of importance along this line is proposed.

Mr. Lauer was married in Germany to Miss Elizabeth Scheifer, who was born, reared and educated in the same town as himself, a daughter of Frederick and Mary (Reiley) Scheifer. Mrs. Lauer was also reared in the German Lutheran church.

To Mr. and Mrs. Lauer the following children were born: William, who now resides at Memphis, Tenn., is a master mechanic with the Illinois Central Railroad, married Estella Petri, of this city and they have one daughter, Florence; Mary, who is the wife of Edward Neuman, of Galion, a machinist, and they have two children—Harriet and Robert; Karl E., who is a Lutheran minister and pastor of a church at St. Clair, Mich., was educated at Capital University, Columbus, married Florence Gotchal, and they have one son, Roland; and Albert, who lives at Alliance, O., a machinist by trade, who married Blanche E. Williams. On election day Mr. Lauer and his sons assist in swelling the Democratic majority, when possible, all being identified with that party, and as a family they are all well established in life.

JACOB GOTTFRIED,* a member of the firm of Gottfried & Spillette, who are in the grain and elevator business at New Washington, O., and manager of the Gottfried elevator, near the Northern Ohio Railroad, is a well known business man of New Washington. He was born in Chatfield township, Crawford county, O., March 20, 1867, a son of Philip and Barbara Gottfried, who were born in Germany. The father came to Crawford county when 27 years of age, was twice married and lived to be 71 years old. His second wife, the mother of Jacob Gottfried, died at the age of 61 years. They were members of the Reformed church in Chatfield township.

Jacob Gottfried attended school near his father's farm and later at New Washington and afterward engaged in farming and school teaching up to 1902, when he bought the Anem farm in Auburn township, from W. A. Kessler. It contained 60 acres and he operated it one year. In 1903 he bought the elevator at North Auburn, which he operated for fifteen

months, in 1904 purchasing his second elevator and in the spring of that year admitted Frank H. Spillette to partnership, and together they do a large business with their chain of three elevators.

Mr. Gottfried married Miss Olive Spillette, a daughter of James and Lucinda Spillette, and they have two children: Norman and Theora. Mr. Gottfried is a stockholder in the Toledo Life and Underwriters Insurance Company. He votes with the Democratic party but is not very active. For some years he has been identified with the Knights of Pythias and is vice chancellor of the local organization. With his family he belongs to the Methodist Episcopal church. Since 1904 he has lived at New Washington, his residence standing on Center Street.

WILLIAM H. BESSINGER, one of the stable and representative business men of Galion, O., who does a large business as a saddler and harnessmaker, located at No. 121 South Market Street, was born at Galion, Sept. 2, 1870, and is a son of John and Susan (Errett) Bessinger.

The parents of Mr. Bessinger were born and reared in Crawford county, the father being of German and the mother of English extraction. The latter survives but the former died in Polk township, Crawford county, in February, 1910, at the age of 67 years. He was one of the leading Democrats of that section and for many years served as township trustee and in other offices. The two children survive: William H. and Anna, the latter of whom resides with her mother on the old homestead in Polk township.

William H. Bessinger attended school at Galion and learned his trade here and is a skilled mechanic in his line. He has been established in a business of his own in this city since 1895 and has one of the largest and best equipped stores on his street, the dimensions of which are 20x66 feet, with a work shop of equal space. He carries a large stock of reliable goods and has steady patronage. Mr. Bessinger was married at Bucyrus, O., to Miss Emma Keller, who was born there in 1876 and is the only surviving child of her parents who were Philip and Lovia (Pink) Keller. Mr. and Mrs. Bessinger have one daughter,



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Susan Keller, who was born Jan. 5, 1911. They are members of the English Lutheran church. Politically Mr. Bessinger is a Democrat and fraternally belongs to the Knights of Pythias.

JOHN SIEFERT, who is a successful merchant at New Washington, O., where he deals in poultry, seed and agricultural implements, is one of the well known and reliable business men of this place. He was born in Cranberry township, Crawford county, O., one mile northwest of New Washington, July 26, 1866.

After attending the public school in Cranberry township, John Seifert took a business course in the Spencerian College, at Cleveland. In 1889 he embarked in the grain and seed business at New Washington as a member of the firm of George Siefert & Bro., which association continued for 18 years, during the last three years eliminating the grain line and dealing only in implements. After the old firm was dissolved, John Siefert started into the implement business for himself and has prospered. He does about all his soliciting himself, occasionally having some help from a salesman, and has steady patronage from the most progressive and substantial agriculturists and he carries the very best grades of machinery. He has erected a new and substantial two-story building of modern pattern, on Mansfield Street. He is a practical mechanic, can repair all the machinery he sells, and as a side line puts up lightning rods. Another line in which he has prospered is the handling of poultry.

Mr. Siefert was married to Miss Ada M. Sheetz, a daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth Sheetz, of New Washington. They have four children: Christine E., Ernst G., Carl E. and Esther M. Since his marriage, Mr. Siefert has been a resident of New Washington. He is a member of the Lutheran church and for 27 years was a teacher in the Sunday-school. In his political views he is a Republican.

JESSE J. PATTERSON, manager of the Galion branch of the Weaver Bros. Co., a corporation of which he is a director, is an enterprising and representative business man of this city, in which he was born July 22, 1872,

a son of Capt. William G. and Sarah (Hershey) Patterson.

Capt. William G. Patterson was born in Massachusetts and came to Ohio when 16 years of age. When civil war was declared between the North and the South in 1861, he enlisted in the 64th O. Vol. Inf., and his service covered four years, three months and three days. He was with the great army that marched with Sherman to the sea and for meritorious conduct was again and again promoted until he was commissioned captain of his company and afterward led his comrades on many a field of battle. When he received his honorable discharge he returned to peaceful pursuits, a scar across the bridge of his nose being the only permanent mark of an enemy's musket. Crestline had been his earlier home and there he returned and resumed work with the Pennsylvania Railroad Company and became an engineer and followed railroading some years longer and then became proprietor of a hotel at Crestline. Some years later he sold this property and retired to a farm in Richland county, where he was engaged in farming for 18 years. Captain Patterson came then to Galion and became interested in buying, selling and shipping horses, continuing in this line eight years, when he retired and his death occurred at Ontario, Richland county, Jan. 13, 1912, when in his 81st year. In politics he was affiliated with the Republican party and at times had served in local offices in Richland county. For a number of years he was commander of G. A. R. Post No. 156 at Galion and later became a member of McLaughlin Post at Mansfield.

Captain Patterson was married at Crestline to Sarah Hershey, who was born in Springfield township, Richland county, in 1836, and died in March, 1904, at Ontario, O. She and husband were members of the Methodist Episcopal church. They had three children: Minnie, who is the wife of Charles Monnder, and has one son, Dale; Harriet, who is the wife of Robert Jessom, residing at Washington Court House, O., and has three children—Walter, Harriet and Gladys; and Jesse J., the subject of this article.

Jesse J. Patterson was reared on a farm in Springfield township, Richland county, O., from the age of two years and engaged there

in farming after his school days until he came to Galion and became connected with the Weaver Bros. Co. He still owns 109 acres of well improved land in Springfield township. Since January, 1910, Mr. Patterson has had the management of the Galion branch of a business which is also carried on Mt. Vernon and Crestline, its activities covering the handling of hay, grain, horses, cattle and poultry. Mr. Patterson has seven men in his employ at this place, the volume of business being heavy at this point.

Mr. Patterson was married in Springfield township, Richland county, Feb. 16, 1893, to Miss Altha B. Cotter, who was born in Ashland county, O., Feb. 16, 1870, and was young when her parents, James and Elizabeth (Brindle) Cotter, came to Springfield township, where they still live, aged about 65 years. Mr. and Mrs. Patterson have one son, George C., who was born in Richland county, O., June 16, 1896, and is now a student in the Galion High School. Mr. Patterson and family are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. In politics a Republican, he has always looked ahead of party ties in his citizenship and for a number of years was a faithful member and honest worker on the school board. He is a charter member of Highland Grange, Patrons of Husbandry, No. 1410, of which he was overseer for three years and a director for five years.

REV. FRANCIS J. KEYES, pastor of St. Patrick's Roman Catholic church, at Galion, O., is one of the scholarly and zealous members of the Catholic clergy, who, notwithstanding comparative youth, has been entrusted with great responsibilities and has proved his ability to bear them. Father Keyes was born at Columbus, O., and is a son of Edward and Helen Keyes.

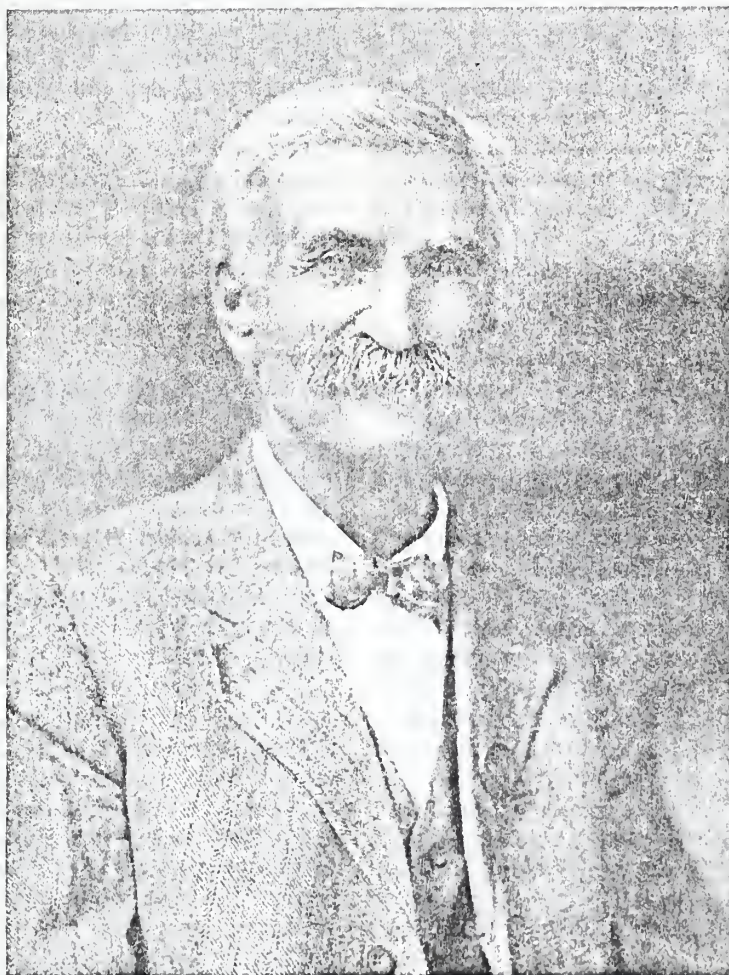
The parents of Rev. Francis J. Keyes were born in Ireland and both accompanied their parents in youth to the United States. They were reared and educated in Canada and were married in the city of London, Canada. Both died at Tiffin, O., the father in 1897 and the mother in 1907. They had eight children, seven of whom survive: Francis J., Edward, Mrs. Frank Shaff, Minnie, Lula, Albert and Sister Mary Grace, who is a teacher in an

academy at Pittsburg, Pa. The brothers of Father Keyes are engaged in the wholesale tobacco business and are residents of Cleveland, O. The father, Edward Keyes, was a successful and substantial business man, for many years being connected with the Indianapolis Hedge Fence Company, Indianapolis, Ind., and was president of the Belgium Glass Company, at Tiffin, O., and its largest stockholder.

In his boyhood, Father Keyes, attended St. Mary's parochial school of Tiffin, O., and was graduated in 1896 in the classics, from St. Francis Seminary, Milwaukee, Wis., and in the class of 1903, from St. Mary's Theological Seminary, at Cleveland, O. For four years prior to coming to St. Patrick's, Father Keyes was assistant priest of St. Patrick's church at Toledo, O., which is one of the largest churches in the Northern Ohio diocese. He came from that charge to Galion, succeeding Rev. L. A. Brady as pastor of St. Patrick's, Oct. 26, 1906 and since then has labored effectively for the advancement of his people both spiritually and materially. The handsome brick edifice was erected in 1873 and its capacity is taxed from the fact, that he has a parish that includes an average membership of one thousand souls. The parochial school connected with it is in a most encouraging condition, there being 100 students. Father Keyes has won the warm affection of his parishoners and at the same time has gained the respect, confidence and esteem of the people of Galion, irrespective of religious faith.

ISAIAH S. MONNETTE, a well known man in both Marion and Crawford counties, O., now living retired on his valuable farm of 100 acres, situated in Dallas township, Crawford county, was born in Marion county, O., Oct. 16, 1845, and is a son of Jeremiah and Mary Jane (Shank) Monnette.

Jeremiah Monnette was a son of Jeremiah Monnette, and was born in Pickaway county, O., later lived on his farm in Marion county for many years and died in middle life, his burial being at Monnette Chapel, in Crawford county. He married Mary Jane Shank, who was born in Northampton county, Pa., and died in Marion county, O., and her burial was at Kirkpatrick, in that county. They had but two children, one of whom died in infancy.



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They were members of the Methodist Episcopal church. Jeremiah Monnette's second marriage was to Sarah Saylor, who became the mother of two children and subsequently died in Iowa. The daughter, Mary, lived to the age of 39 years. She was the wife of the late Bernard Brockshus.

Isaiah S. Monnette went to live with his grandfather when he was about eight years old and attended the district schools and remained on the old homestead until he was 21 years of age. After spending a year in Iowa, he went on to Missouri and looked over business prospects there for six months but decided to return to his native state to find a permanent home and in 1871 bought his present farm, from Abraham Monnette and has resided here ever since. For many succeeding years he devoted himself closely to agricultural pursuits but now lives somewhat retired.

On Oct. 13, 1870, Mr. Monnette was married to Miss Elizabeth Miller, who was born in Marion county, a daughter of Jacob and Maria (Dawson) Miller. Mrs. Monnette died Jan. 10, 1904, and her burial was at Monnette Chapel. She was one of the following family born to her parents: Anna, wife of William Conrad; Eliza, wife of Jonathan Famuler; Sarah, wife of Willis Van Meter; Elizabeth, wife of Mr. Monnette; Bartlett; Malinda, wife of Samuel Campbell; Nancy, wife of Mellison Shank; Charlotta, wife of George Conrad; and Amanda, wife of Henry Gibbs.

To Mr. and Mrs. Monnette the following children were born, all of whom except the eldest, survive their beloved mother: Addie, who was the wife of Lewis Hill; Princess, who married Charles Wattering; Lottie, who married Christian Smith; Ella, who married Christopher Kerr; and Eva, who married Alfred Scott. Mr. Monnette and family are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. Like his father, Mr. Monnette has always been identified with the Republican party but has never taken part in public matters as a politician. He has lent his influence in the direction of all law and order movements and has helped, as able, the cause of education and of religion, but has never entered into any struggle for office. In the evening of life he is surrounded by many comforts and has a wide circle of well wishing friends.

GEORGE BURGER, who is one of the prosperous and contended farmers of Auburn township, Crawford county, O., where his valuable farm of 165 acres lies in section 6, was born in this township, one mile east and one-half mile south of North Auburn, and is a son of John and Mary (Scharry) Burger.

John Burger and wife were born in Germany and when they came to Crawford county, O., he bought and improved 40 acres of land in Cranberry township, which he later sold to Peter Young and bought 80 acres south of North Auburn and on that place both he and wife died, his death occurring at the age of 65 years and she surviving to be 78 years old. Their burial was in St. Mary's Cemetery, they being members of St. Mary's Catholic church. They had the following children: Horace, Margaret, George, Mathias, John and Peter.

George Burger attended the district schools in Auburn township and ever since has been engaged in farming, after marriage settling two and one-half miles east of North Auburn, moving later to his present place. He found it necessary to drain this land and spent considerable money putting down tile and now has it in fine condition, has remodeled the dwelling and erected substantial barns. In politics Mr. Burger is a Democrat and for six years has served on the board of Education. He is a wide awake citizen and excellent farmer, having progressive ideas and is a member of the Auburn Township Grange.

Mr. Burger married Miss Emma Ruff, of Norwalk, O., and on the first farm four children were born to them: Isabel, Frank, Peter and Catherine, and on the second farm, the present one, six more have been added to the family: Julius, Rose, Benedict, Paul, Loretta and George. Mr. Burger and family belong to St. Mary's Catholic church.

LOUIS K. REISINGER, whose death on April 6, 1911 deprived Galion of one of its foremost citizens, was born in Galion, O., Jan. 4, 1852, a son of Dr. John and Sarah (Ditzler) Reisinger. His parents were natives of Pennsylvania, in which state also they were married. Previous to this latter event the elder Reisinger had followed the trade of hatter, but immediately after their marriage he and his wife removed to Mansfield, O., where

John Reisinger studied medicine and was admitted to practice. He then settled in Galion, where he subsequently practice his profession until his death, building up a large and successful practice. His end was almost tragic, being directly due to his parental love for a soldier son, Samuel, who, near the close of the war, had been attacked by cholera and was in a hospital in Cincinnati, where that disease was then epidemic. The father went to Cincinnati to care for his son and took the disease, both dying within a short time of each other, the son at the age of 21 years. The wife and mother then went to reside with a daughter, Mrs. Sarah Leibert, she being at the time 65 years old. This daughter is now a resident of Pasadena, Calif., being a widow with two daughters; she is the only surviving member of her parents' family. Dr. Reisinger and wife were members of the German Reformed church of Galion. Their family was large, numbering eleven children, of whom several died when young; five grew to maturity, were married and had families of their own.

Louis K. Reisinger acquired a good education and became a chemist and pharmacist, which avocation he followed all his life. He was a man of enterprise and organized the Reisinger Chemical and Extract Company, which is now conducted by his son-in-law, Arthur G. Shumaker. It has developed into a large and prosperous business. Mr. Reisinger was not only a successful man but was a highly respected citizen. A Democrat politically, he served on the Board of City Appraisers for one term and was a member of the Board of Education for 13 years. He was a 32d degree Mason, belonging to the Commandery at Mansfield, O., and to the Temple, M. S. at Cleveland, O. He also belonged to the Knights of Pythias.

Mr. Reisinger was married in Fremont, O., to Miss Emma B. White, who was born in Tiffin, O., Dec. 23, 1853, a daughter of William and Sarah (Brahm) White. Her parents were natives of Loudon, Pa., where they were married, coming soon after to Ohio. Later they went to Illinois, their daughter Emma (Mrs. Reisinger) being then a small child. They next resided at Mt. Carroll, Ill., for two years, after which they returned to Pennsylvania, at the beginning of the Civil

War settling in Fremont, O. Mr. White was drafted as a soldier and served in the war, accompanying Sherman on the march through Georgia and to the sea. Honorably discharged on the close of the war, he returned to Fremont, where he died in 1867, his end being due to the hardships he had suffered during his military service. He was 41 years of age. His widow is now residing with her daughter, Mrs. May Freese at Bloomington, and is 78 years old, and somewhat feeble. She and her husband were members of the English Reformed church. Mrs. Freese and Mrs. Reisinger are the only children of the family now living.

Mr. and Mrs. Reisinger were the parents of four children—Estella M., Alice B., Rollin D. and Ethel M., of whom the following is a brief record. Estella M. was graduated from the Galion high school in the class of 1893. She married Roy Lovette and resides in Cleveland, O. She has a son, Russell. Alice B. Reisinger was graduated from the city high school in the class of 1895 and is now the wife of Arthur G. Shumaker. Mr. Shumaker was born in Marion, O., in 1878 and was educated in Galion, being graduated from the high school in the class of 1895. He became a druggist but was subsequently a clerk in the office of the superintendent of the Erie Railway until 1911, when he took up the management of the business left by Mr. Reisinger. Rollin D. Reisinger was graduated from the Galion high school in the class of 1899 and is now a pharmacist at Barberton, O. He married Blanche Sponhauer. Ethel M. graduated from the high school in the class of 1902 and now resides in Los Angeles, Calif., being connected with a music store in that city. Mrs. Reisinger and family belong to the Presbyterian church. They are highly esteemed in Galion and have a wide circle of friends.

MICHAEL AUCK, who has been a leading citizen of Bucyrus, O., for the past 15 years, and a resident of Crawford county since he was six years old, is a member of an old peasant family of Germany, his ancestors having lived in the village of Moeringen, Wurttemberg, near the present noble city of Stuttgart, as far back as 1600. The Aucks were of the class that is rightly named the backbone

of the country to which it belongs—sturdy people in all their characteristics, quiet, industrious, religious and law abiding. For generations they tilled the soil but in more recent times they have entered the trades and professions and have proved their quality in every line of activity.

The Auck family of Crawford county, O., traces its direct line to George Auck, who was born in Germany, in 1775, and died in 1830. He was a small farmer and he gave generous support to the Lutheran church. His wife was named Rosina Frank, whose family ancestry and circumstances were similar to his own, and she also died in Germany. One of her brothers, Jacob Frank, came to America and located in Medina county, O., where his descendants still reside. Two sons and three daughters were born to George and Rosina Auck and with the exception of one daughter, all came to America. The first of the family to cross the Atlantic Ocean was Christopher Auck and he was followed by his brother Michael and his two sisters, Christina and Dorothea, the former of whom was then the wife of Jacob Ulmer and they died in Pennsylvania. Dorothea Auck never married but lived into advanced age and died in Crawford county.

Christopher Auck was born Jan. 31, 1813, and died Jan. 20, 1896. He grew to the age of 18 years in his native province, before that time realizing that in the closely settled district of his birth it would be almost impossible for him to secure enough land to enable him to live as a farmer, hence he learned the tailor's trade and made use of the first money he was able to earn thereby and save, in the payment of his passage to America, the land of opportunity. He had made his way to Havre, France, undoubtedly working as a journeyman as he traveled, and at that port embarked on one of the old-time sailing vessels which voyaged from European harbors to the United States in the emigrant service. Although for 57 days he was on the ocean, suffering greatly from sea sickness and from the hardships that made a sea voyage at that time sometimes a terrible experience, he reached land safely in 1831, landing at the port of New York. From that city he traveled to Philadelphia in a coasting vessel and there

found employment at his trade and worked in different tailor shops for two years. He was just 21 years old when he started on foot from Philadelphia for Lycoming county, Pa. and after reaching there turned his hand to anything that came his way in the line of honest work, all the time cherishing the hope of being able to secure farm land.

In Lycoming county, in 1841, he was married to Rachel Wagner, who was born April 1, 1820, and died in Crawford county, O., Sept. 2, 1875. Her parents were John and Rosa (Stroble) Wagner and they were old neighbors of the Aucks in Wurtemberg, Germany, where they married and afterward emigrated to America and spent their subsequent lives in Lycoming county, Pa. They were members of the religious sect called Pietists, a name given to a body of reformers in the Lutheran church in Germany. The leader of this movement was Philip Jacob Spener, pastor of a Lutheran church at Frankfurt, whose teachings were adopted as rules of life by a considerable number of pious people, and whose written work, named, *Three Desirable Things in Religion*, was something of a text-book with the Pietists, as similar publications of belief are acceptable to many people of the present day. At one time there was a flourishing Pietist colony in Lycoming county, many of the sect having found religious freedom in America, the observance of their religious freedom in America, the observance of their religious rites not being permitted in Germany after Pastor Spener's death. To this body of good people, for self denial and close adherence to the Scriptures marked their life and conversation, the Strobles belonged. After the death of his first wife, Christopher Auck was married to Mrs. Catherine (Patterson) Flick, Sept. 6, 1876.

About the time of his marriage, Mr. Auck acquired 100 acres of land in Lycoming county and he and wife continued to live there until 1848, when, with their three children—Michael, Elizabeth and Mary, the last named dying at the age of six years, they started in wagons to seek a new location in Ohio. For three weeks they journeyed before they reached Crawford county, where, shortly afterward, Mr. Auck purchased 80 acres of land in Whetstone township and this place continued

to be his home as long as he lived and to its development and cultivation he devoted the larger part of his subsequent life. He became a well known and highly respected man and in the course of years added to his possessions until he became one of Whetstone township's men of ample fortune. While still living in Lycoming county he had become naturalized and afterward was an interested citizen. From conviction he was a Democrat and gave constant and hearty support to his party but never desired political office for himself. He was an earnest member of the Lutheran church up to the time of death, which occurred Jan. 20, 1896.

Michael Auck, only son of Christopher Auck, was born July 23, 1842, in Lycoming county, Pa. From the age of six years until the present (1912) he has been a resident of Crawford county, for a half century living on the old homestead in Whetstone township, which property came into his possession in 1876 and of which he is still the owner. In addition to managing and operating this farm he has had additional farm lands and during his long career as an agriculturist he justified all the old traditions of the family. He has, by no means, however, confined his energies to farming, his activities in other directions proving him to be one of the progressive men of his community. In public matters he has been very active, a strong Democrat like his father, and is recognized as the possessor of those desirable qualities which determine good citizenship. In 1880 he was elected treasurer of Whetstone township and served as such until 1887, and in 1895 he was elected county treasurer, an office of great responsibility, in which he acquitted himself with credit throughout his two terms. In 1896 he moved to Bucyrus, where he is one of the elders of St. John's Reformed church, having been active in this religious organization for years.

Mr. Auck was married in Whetstone township to Miss Caroline Ehnamm, who was born Feb. 9, 1845, in Wurtemberg, Germany, a daughter of John and Frederica (Fritz) Ehnamm. In 1853 the family came to Crawford county but some years later moved to Wyandot county, where the father of Mrs. Auck purchased 80 acres of land and continued to live there until his death, on Oct. 12,

1870, when aged 68 years and ten days. The mother of Mrs. Auck died in Wyandot county, Jan. 28, 1884, aged 69 years, one month and 29 days. In Germany the family belonged to the Lutheran church but united with the Evangelical Association in America. Mrs. Auck is one of a family of two sons and five daughters.

To Mr. and Mrs. Auck six children were born: Mary J., who is the wife of D. S. Schieber, of Bucyrus, and has two sons, Arthur L. and Harold L.; John C., a farmer residing in Whetstone township, who married Orie E. Andrews, and has two sons, L. Paul and Ralph M.; Lucy E., who is the wife of J. E. Myers, of Bucyrus, and has two children, Miriam C. and Cyril E.; William H., a prosperous and respected business man of Bucyrus, who married Teresa E. Syphrit, and has one son, Dale Kenneth; Priscilla S., who is the wife of H. G. Hoover, residing at Chicago, Ill.; and Samuel E., who is associated with his brother William H., in the real estate and insurance business at Bucyrus, and who married Lulu V. Knoedler, and has two children, Carol Elizabeth and Donald K. Fraternally, Michael Auck is identified with both the Masons and the Odd Fellows.

JEFFERSON GANSHORN,* who, for the past ten years has been foreman for the Big Four freight department at Galion, O., one of the reliable and well known employes of this road, was born in Marion county, O., 50 years ago, and is a son of John and Eva (Healey) Ganshorn.

John Ganshorn was born in Germany and in 1843 accompanied his parents to America, while his wife, who was also born in Germany, came alone to the United States and they met at Bucyrus, O. They were married in Marion county and in 1869 the family came to Galion and here the father embarked in the grocery business and continued until his death in 1893, when aged 66 years. In Germany he had been known as a fine musician. He was survived by his wife until 1900, her death taking place at Galion when her age was 75 years. They were members of the German Reformed church. Five sons and one daughter were born to them, the latter of whom was married first to James Tracy and after his death, to

William Ludington, both of whom she survives and lives at Dayton, O., with her two daughters. Jefferson is the only surviving son.

Jefferson Ganshorn grew to manhood at Galion and after his school days entered the employ of the Big Four Railroad and for 20 years was switchman and yard master at this place, being promoted then to his present position. Mr. Ganshorn owns some valuable city property that has been in the possession of the family since 1871 and he has other investments.

At Galion, in 1884, Mr. Ganshorn was married to Miss Josephine Baumgartner, who was born in Elk county, Pa., a daughter of Joseph and Christiana (Didlaw) Baumgartner, natives of Germany. The parents of Mrs. Ganshorn were about 14 years of age when they came to the United States and were married at Philadelphia, Pa. and later lived in Elk county. About 1864 the father came to Crawford county with his family and settled in the German settlement near Crestline, where he conducted a hardware store until 1874. Mr. Baumgartner then moved to Galion and continued merchandising until his retirement a few years before his death, on June 16, 1906, when aged 81 years. He was born in Alsace when it was a French province. The mother of Mrs. Ganshorn died in 1889, when aged 63 years. They were members of the German Catholic church. Mrs. Ganshorn is one of a family of eleven children. Five children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Ganshorn, namely: Clara, who is the widow of Earl Helfrick; Laura, who is the wife of Joseph Gall, of Bucyrus, and has one daughter, Ruth; Richard, who lives at Galion, and is a brakeman on the Erie Railroad, and who married Josephine Carras; and Iva and Gertrude, who live at home. Mrs. Ganshorn and children are members of the German Catholic church. Mr. Ganshorn is a Democrat in politics and belongs to the Railroad Men's Association.

JOHN R. ECKERT, who is one of the well known men of Crawford county, O., and a prominent citizen of Jefferson township, lives on his valuable farm of 161 acres situated here and owns a farm of 35 acres, adjoining, which lies in Sandusky township. He was born

in Lancaster county, Pa., Oct. 3, 1849, and is a son of John and Anna Margaret (Reuter) Eckert, and a grandson of John Eckert. In 1847 the parents of Mr. Eckert emigrated from Germany, settled in Lancaster county, Pa., resided there for 19 years, and in 1866 they came to Crawford county, O., and lived here until death. They were of the Lutheran faith and the father gave his political support to the Democratic party.

John R. Eckert is an only child and he remained at home with his father until the latter's death which occurred in 1886, at which time he inherited 105 acres of his present land, purchasing the remainder as it suited his convenience. For many years he operated his land himself and was counted a very successful farmer, but his sons have relieved him of his heaviest responsibilities and he is now practically retired. Mr. Eckert has been an active and useful citizen since early manhood, and, as one of the leading men has frequently been elected to offices of responsibility, on the Democratic ticket. For several years he served as assessor of Jefferson township, was land appraiser for two terms, in 1900 and 1910, for six years was township trustee and at present is serving in his fifth year as turnpike commissioner. He has thus been in the public eye for many years and his services have been so satisfactory to his fellow citizens that he is held in universal esteem.

In 1871 Mr. Eckert was married to Miss Barbara Volkmar, who was born in New Jersey, and died in October, 1909, her burial being at Leesville. She was the eldest born child of Frank P. and Elizabeth (Herr) Volkmar, the others being: Phoebe, wife of Joshua Crouse; Anna, wife of Albert Holsapple; and George Henry. To Mr. and Mrs. Eckert the following children were born: Jacob, who married Emma Glower and has three children—Irvin, Fern and Forest; George H., who married Philomena McKean, and has two children, Oliver and Evalene; Anna M., who married William A. High, and has two children, Martha and Luther; Eva E., deceased; William J., who married Ruth C. McKean, and has three children—Bessie, Robert and Leila; Albert C., who married Louise Strauch, and has one son, Michael; Ernest P.; Maud M., who is the wife of Clarence Ott, and has one son; and

Ruth O. Mr. Eckert and family are members of the Lutheran church.

FREDERICK K. BERRY, general manager of the Galion Brewing Company, at Galion, O., is a business man of recognized ability and one of the representative men of this city. He was born at Upper Sandusky, Wyandot county, O., in 1864, and is a son of Curtis and Emma (Kirby) Berry.

Curtis Berry was born in April, 1831, in what was then a part of Crawford, but is now Wyandot county, the county being named after the Wyandot tribe of Indians, then numerous in this section. Of Irish ancestry, he possessed the genial temperament and bright intellect of his race, and became a lawyer of acknowledged ability and a citizen whose judgment was frequently consulted in the developing of this section. He was twenty-one years old when he was elected to the office of county clerk and subsequently became probate judge and a member of the Ohio State Senate, for fifty years being influential in political life. His death occurred when he was seventy-three years old. He married Emma Kirby, who was of English ancestry and was born at Columbus, O., a daughter of Hon. Moses Kirby, who was secretary of state during the administration of President Arthur. In early manhood Mr. Kirby had served in the state legislature and fifty years later, when aged eighty-three years, he was elected a member of the state senate and served with ability through two terms. He was born in 1798, in Virginia, and died at Upper Sandusky in 1889, at that time being yet upright of figure and well preserved in both body and mind. For twenty-one years Senator Kirby served as prosecuting attorney in Wyandot county and for fifty consecutive years held political office. In early life he was a Whig but later became a Democrat, and for years was one of the most influential men of his party in Ohio. He took much pleasure in his Masonic connection and after he was eighty years old took his Knight Templar degree. He belonged also to the Odd Fellows and continued to attend the meetings of his lodge after he was ninety years old. In every way Senator Kirby was a remarkable man. He survived his daughter, Mrs. Curtis Berry, who died in 1883.

Frederick K. Berry was reared and educated in Wyandot county. He began his business life by entering the Government railway mail service during the administration of President Cleveland, and was thus occupied until 1889, when he went to St. Mary's, O., where he embarked in the hotel business. He afterward removed to Bucyrus, where he operated the Stull Hotel, now the Royal Hotel, for two years. Mr. Berry then re-entered the railway mail service and so continued until 1898. Since 1901 he has been connected with the Galion brewery, of which he has been manager since 1906.

The brewing business now represented by the Galion Brewing Company, was established just outside the city, in 1854, by John Kroft, who began in a small way, with few conveniences and in great contrast to the present immense plant. In 1886 the business was taken over by Henry Altstaetter, who operated the brewery until his death, in May, 1900. He had made many improvements, including the erection of a fine brick residence on the grounds and under his management the enterprise proved a lucrative business concern. In 1901 the Galion Brewing Company secured the plant and at present the owners are: Mr. Berry and wife and a sister of the latter, Miss Emma Altstaetter, the home of the last named being Waynesville, N. C. The property is located on an elevation which gives one of the finest and most extended views in all this section. Mr. Berry has been very successful in his management, although the business was new to him when he took charge, and a large force of men are employed, the output amounting to 15,000 barrels of a high grade of beer annually.

In 1889 Mr. Berry was married in the beautiful residence he now occupies, to Miss Henriette A. Altstaetter, who was born in Allen county, O., but was reared and educated at Upper Sandusky. She is a daughter of Henry and Hedwig (Jettinger) Altstaetter.

To Mr. and Mrs. Berry have been born two children, Henry C. and Florence. The former, a young man of twenty-two years, is now associated with his father in business. He was educated in the Galion schools and the New York Military Academy at Cornwall-on-the-Hudson, where he was graduated in

the class of 1911. The daughter, who was graduated from the Galion High School in the class of 1909, subsequently entered the Dwight School for Girls, an exclusive seminary conducted at Englewood, N. J., and was graduated in the class of 1911. She is a member of the younger social set at Galion and has many pleasant connections in this and other cities. Mr. Berry is a member of the fraternal order of Elks and the National Association of U. C. T., and belongs also to the orders of Moose and Eagles. He was a charter member of the Elks at Upper Sandusky and also of Galion; is past president of the order of Eagles, and is present senior councilor of Lodge No. 476, U. C. T., at Galion. He is one of the active members of the Galion Commercial Club. In addition to his other interests, Mr. Berry is on the directing board of the Cleveland-Galion Motor Truck Company.

Although he is credited with being one of the city's best citizens, Mr. Berry has never been a seeker for public office. He was reared in the Democratic party and naturally his preference lies in that direction, but political activity has been more or less distasteful to him, and he has contented himself with casting his vote and giving loyal support to his friends. He is public spirited and ever ready to lend his influence to support movements for the city's welfare, and takes pride in her progress and substantial development, contributing with liberal hand to her charities and assisting in advancing benevolent enterprises which promise to be permanent in character and sufficiently useful. In all that goes to make up a worthy citizen, Mr. Berry stands the test.

M. F. HASSLER, whose finely improved farm of 40 acres is situated in section 24, Cranberry township, Crawford county, O., may be numbered with the prosperous agriculturists of this part of the county and also is one of its solid, reliable and representative citizens. He was born April 16, 1860, at Bloomville, Seneca county, O., being the only son of Henry F. and Sarah (Watson) Hassler.

Mr. Hassler attended the public schools of Bloomville and later the Ohio Normal School, after which he entered into educational work and devoted about 19 years to the profession

of teaching. For four years he was an instructor in the Bloomville High School, taught for two years in Illinois, and the rest of the time in Seneca county, O. In 1904 he came from Bloomville to Crawford county and purchased his farm from R. N. Sears. At that time this land was entirely undeveloped but to its clearing and subsequent improvement Mr. Hassler has devoted much attention and scientific knowledge. He not only operates his own land but rents 80 adjoining acres, carrying on general farming and dairying, breeding Jersey cattle and handling cream for the Medina Creamery Company, of Medina, O., his volume of business being very large and constantly expanding. He is also general agent for the Everlasting Silo, and through his efforts farmers in this section have been awakened to the desirability of adding this adjunct to their farm equipment. He is a member of the Cranberry Grange and is considered an authority on things agricultural. Politically he is a Republican but has never called to public office although qualified for the same.

Mr. Hassler married Miss Mary Prouse, a daughter of Philip and Sarah Duffy Prouse, of Bloomville, and they have four children with ages ranging from eleven to two years: Eva Pearl, Leon Prouse, Donald Fillmore and Mildred Fay. Mr. and Mrs. Hassler attend both the United Brethren and the Methodist Episcopal churches. The grandfather of Mrs. Hassler was Rev. John K. Duffy, a minister in the M. E. church.

WILLIS E. MUTH,* a prosperous business man of Galion, O., interested in lumber and saw mills and owning a handsome residence at No. 1265 East Main Street, Galion, was born here Feb. 20, 1879, and is a son of Henry and Sophia S. (Balliett) Muth.

Henry Muth was born at Crestline, Crawford county, O., about 59 years since and is a son of George Muth, the latter of whom was born in 1820, in Hesse Darmstadt, Germany, and came to the United States soon after his marriage. He was a tailor by trade and worked as such first at Mansfield, O., and later at Galion. George Muth died at the home of a daughter, in Morrow county, O., at the age of 79 years. Of his five children

there are four survivors. The eldest, Henry Muth, has spent the larger part of his life as a farmer, mainly in Crawford county but at present is a resident of Morrow county. He was married at Galion to Sophia S. Balliett, who was born and reared near this city and is a daughter of Enoch and Elizabeth (Klopfenstein) Balliett. Enoch Balliett was born in Germany and his wife in Switzerland and her father, John Klopfenstein, came early to Crawford county and took up 1,000 acres of land in the vicinity of Galion. To Henry Muth and wife the following children were born: Willis E.; Francis, who is deceased; Otto, who is a farmer in Crawford county; Pearl, who resides with her parents; Adessa, who is deceased; and Lloyd, who is a resident of Galion.

Willis E. Muth obtained a good public school education, one that qualified him for teaching school had he so desired, but after reaching his majority he turned his attention to lumbering and saw milling and along these lines has been a very successful business man. While in no sense a politician, he takes a good citizen's interest in all that concerns the welfare of city, state and nation, and, like his father and brothers, is a Democrat in politics.

Mr. Muth was married at North Bloomfield, Morrow county, O., to Miss Estella A. Spade, who was born in Holmes township, Crawford county, a daughter of Marion and Priscilla (Schemer) Spade. The family is of German extraction and the parents of Mrs. Muth were born in Pennsylvania. After the birth of Mrs. Muth they moved to Morrow county and Mr. Spade is a prominent farmer there. Mr. and Mrs. Muth are the parents of two children: Maude L., who was born March 16, 1899; and Harold A., who was born June 8, 1909. They are members of the Lutheran church at Galion.

FRANK NUNGESSER, who is serving in his second term as a trustee of Jefferson township, Crawford county, O., owns 40 acres of very valuable land here and carries on general farming. He was born in Polk township, Crawford county, a son of Peter and Delilah (Ditty) Nungesser.

Peter Nungesser was born in Germany but lived many years in Crawford county, where

he married Delilah Ditty, who now resides at Galion. During life he was a well known man, having followed the carpenter trade all over this section. His family consisted of the following children: Washington; Frank; Catherine, wife of Daniel Ricker; Ida, widow of Daniel Knause; Ellen, wife of Albert Christman; Neeley; Viola, wife of Lewis Kluppmann; and Eli and Raleigh. The parents of this family reared their children in the Lutheran faith.

Frank Nungesser obtained his educational training in the public schools and remained at home and mainly followed farming until he was 25 years of age, when he secured employment with a railroad company and followed railroading for 18 years. Mr. Nungesser then purchased his present farm in Jefferson township from Nicholas Wallbillick, this being in 1903, since when he has followed farming to some extent, but as his land is very fertile he has found it advantageous to devote the most of it to truck gardening, having a ready market for his produce at Crestline.

In October, 1884, Mr. Nungesser was married to Miss Elizabeth Beach, who was born in Crawford county and is a daughter of Peter and Magdalena (Meyers) Beach, who were well known farming people here for many years. Mrs. Nungesser has the following brothers and sisters: Levi; Samuel; Charles; Rebecca, wife of John Price; Mary Jane, wife of Lewis Cramer; and Laura N., who is the wife of Andrew Meyers. Mr. and Mrs. Nungesser have three children: Henry, who is in the employ of the Big Four Railroad Company; Malinda, who is the wife of Otto Blazer; and Carrie, who resides at home. Mr. Nungesser and family attend the German Lutheran church. In his political views Mr. Nungesser has always been a Democrat and has frequently been chosen by his party for important public positions. While living in Polk township he served two terms as road supervisor, and was a member of the city council of Crestline, for two years, while in Jefferson township he has been an equally active citizen. He belongs to the order of M. W. A., at Crestline.

ZEN WILSON SEIBERT, V. S., who has been established in his profession at Crestline, O., since April, 1901, following his grad-

uation from the Ontario Veterinary College, at Toronto, Canada, is in the enjoyment of a large and lucrative practice brought about by his thorough education and an enthusiasm for his work that has kept him fully abreast of all scientific discoveries in his particular department of medicine. He was born in Mohican township, Ashland county, O., Aug. 27, 1869, was reared on a farm and gained his early education in the public schools.

From boyhood Dr. Seibert had a leaning toward his present profession and even then had success in treating the mild ailments of the farm stock and as he grew older his practice extended. He had no financial assistance and only through his natural talents, his persistent efforts and close study was he able to finally enter the above college, an institution that stands first in the land in veterinary science. His reputation extends far beyond Crawford county and there have been many exhibitions of confidence shown him when owners of valuable animals have consulted him and relied on his judgment, which has seldom been at fault. He maintains a veterinary hospital and owns other valuable property, including a very handsome residence at No. 207 Thoman Street. He is identified with a number of medical bodies.

Dr. Seibert was married in Holmes county, O., to Miss Abbie Bitner, who was born near Lakeville, in January, 1869, and to her interest and sympathy in his aims, Dr. Seibert attributes a large degree of his success. The mother of Mrs. Seibert is a member of the family, her father, James Bitner, who was a soldier in the Civil War, having been accidentally killed afterward, in 1875 a tree falling on him. Dr. and Mrs. Seibert are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. Politically he is a Republican and fraternally belongs to the Knights of Pythias, in which order he is vice chancellor of the Crestline lodge No. 266. As a citizen Dr. Seibert stands in line with the temperate, broad-minded, reliable men who make the back-bone of a community.

JAMES L. ANGELL, deceased, for many years was a respected resident of Galion, O., and an honored veteran officer of the Civil War, in which he won distinction. He was born at Rochester, N. Y., Sept. 10, 1832, and was

a son of Israel Angell, who spent his entire life in New York, a machinist by trade, and died there when aged 70 years.

James L. Angell lived at Rochester and obtained his schooling there and his training in a machine shop. When 25 years old he went to Laporte, Ind., and worked there at his trade and some years afterward was a machinist in railway shops in Chicago, and after the Civil War, in 1877, he came to Galion and was employed in the shops of the Erie Railroad continuously afterward until his death, Nov. 23, 1899. When the Civil War opened he was at Laporte, Ind., and there he enlisted in the 29th Ind. Vol. Inf., was made adjutant of the same and served with the rank of colonel. He was a brave and efficient officer and saw hard fighting, at Shiloh and elsewhere, and, although a number of horses were shot from beneath him and his clothing was practically riddled with bullets, he never was wounded. He not only was a brave soldier in battle but was worthy in every relation of life, a good citizen and a kind husband and father.

Colonel Angell was married at Laporte, Ind., to Miss Lydia A. Robinson, who was born in Pennsylvania but was reared in Indiana. They had one son, Alexander L., who was born May 30, 1874, at Laporte, Ind., but was educated at Galion and after a commercial course in a business college here accepted a clerical position in a business house. He was married at Akron, O., to Miss Mary Eva Dyer, who was born at Cleveland and educated at Creston, O. Her parents were John A. and Emeline (Hastings) Dyer, both now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Angell have one son, James Ellsworth, who was born Nov. 21, 1900. Mr. Angell is a Republican in politics as was his late father. Col. Angell and family attended the Presbyterian church. He was prominent in G. A. R. circles and was a valued and beloved member of Dick Morris Post No. 30, at Galion. Although undoubtedly deserving of a pension, he always refused to accept one and, although somewhat active in politics, declined public office for himself.

HUGH CALDWELL, general farmer for many years but now practically retired, resides in section 3, Auburn township, Crawford

county, O., on 60 acres of excellent land which was owned by his wife. He was born in Plymouth township, Richland county, O., Jan. 17, 1835, a son of Thomas and Mary (Miller) Caldwell.

Thomas Caldwell was born at Martinsburg, Va. and after he came to Crawford county, O., rented a farm in Auburn township, situated one-half mile north of the one above mentioned. There he died when aged 43 years. He married Mary Miller, who was born in Pennsylvania and died in Indiana, in her 79th year. There were eight children in the family, the survivors being; Hannah, Catherine, Hugh and William; and those deceased being; George, Elizabeth, James and Susanna.

Hugh Caldwell remained with his mother on the farm until he was almost 23 years old, when he secured work at other points and for some time split rails and cut wood, receiving 25 cents a hundred for rail splitting, 50 cents a hundred for cutting and splitting and 25 cents a cord for wood. After his marriage he settled on his wife's farm of 60 acres and practically did all the clearing himself, the larger part of the place being under cultivation although there is yet a valuable timber tract untouched. He made many improvements that tended to comfort and convenience and until 1900 directed all the farm industries himself, since when these responsibilities have been taken over by his son. During the Civil War Mr. Caldwell served as a member of Co. B, 60th O. Vol. Inf., from Feb. 23, 1864, until he was honorably discharged July 28, 1865, having been fortunate enough to escape all permanent injury although he was ever at the post of duty during this time and then returned to his farm duties and to those of a good citizen of his community.

Mr. Caldwell was married to Miss Elizabeth A. Bevier, who was born in Plymouth township, Richland county, O., and died at the age of 74 years, her burial being in New Haven township, Huron county, O. She was the mother of five children, namely: John, who resides on the home farm and manages its industries, and who is married and has a family; Franklin, who lives at Plymouth; William, who lives at Chicago Junction; and two babes that died in infancy. Mr. Caldwell has been a lifelong Republican. He attends the

Church of God, of which religious body his wife was a faithful member.

WILLIAM B. MITCHELL,* deceased, for a number of years was connected with the Erie Railway shops at Galion in the capacity of master carpenter and was considered one of the most skillful men in his line of work in the service. He was born in Jefferson county, O., Sept. 18, 1838, and met death through an accident, while working on a railroad bridge, at Akron, O., Oct. 31, 1902.

William B. Mitchell attended school in Jefferson county in boyhood and afterward learned the carpenter trade and after his marriage moved to West Salem, in Wayne county, and still later to Galion. Here he entered the employ of the Erie Railway Company, with which he continued until his death, a period of 34 years. He became a master builder and was entrusted with many of the important structures that required skilled work in their building or repairing and it was while attending to a very important contract that he met his death. His loss was deeply deplored by the company, and his fellow citizens united in their grief with his family. Mr. Mitchell was twice married, first in Jefferson county, to Miss Isabel McLane, who died at West Salem when aged 28 years, survived by one daughter, Florence, who is the wife of Frank Beuberger, of Galion, and has three children.

Mr. Mitchell was married (second), at West Salem, O., to Miss Rebecca Handwork, who was born there, Oct. 31, 1862, a daughter of Abraham and Mary (Esselburn) Handwork. The father of Mrs. Mitchell was born in Lehigh county, Pa., and the mother in Germany. Both came young to West Salem, O., where they were subsequently married and the following children were born to them: Amaryllis, who died when nine years old; Rebecca, who became Mrs. Mitchell; Ella, who married Park Williams, a farmer near Salem; Jennie, who married C. F. Camp, of Homerville, O.; William, who resides at West Salem, with wife and two sons; Edward, who lives on a farm near New London, O., and has wife and four children; Alice, who is the wife of Harry Webber; and Frank, who lives in the Northwest.

To Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell the following children were born: Mary Kate, who was graduated from the Galion High School in the class of 1900, and who for some years has been an acceptable teacher and has a wide circle of friends at Galion; Edna May, who is the wife of Arthur J. Shumaker, and resides on a farm in Polk township, Crawford county; Hugh William, who, after attending the public schools at Galion, spent one year in the Ohio Normal College, received an appointment as a member of the class of 1910, at West Point Military Academy, from the Thirteenth Congressional District; Fannie Belle, who was graduated from the Galion High School in the class of 1911, and now fills a position with the Galion Inquirer that permits her to live at home; and Ruth E., who is a student in the Galion High School. Mrs. Mitchell is a member of the Lutheran church, Hugh W., of the Baptist church, Kate, Fannie and Ruth, of the Presbyterian, while Edna belongs to the First Reformed church. Mr. Mitchell was a member of the National Building and Bridge Association. He was a man of sterling character, honorable and upright in his business life, charitable to those who were worthy of help, and considerate to his family and loyal to his friends.

JOHN WILLIAM ROSS, who is a retired business man of Crestline, O., for many years was among the foremost men in the lumber industry in this section and is well known throughout Crawford county, having been identified particularly with the business activities of Crestline. He was born in Hessen Darmstadt, Germany, May 25, 1847, a son of Peter and a grandson of Peter Ross.

The father of Mr. Ross was born also in Hessen Darmstadt, in 1803, one of a family of six children and one of the two to come to America, the other one being his brother, John Ross. The latter came also to Crawford county and after marriage lived in Lykens township, where he and wife died and his descendants still live there. Peter Ross, Jr. grew up on his father's small farm in Germany and in early manhood was married to Margaret Simmermacher, who was born in an adjoining province, in 1807. In 1853, after the birth of their children: Catherine, Peter,

George, Margaret, Philip, Lizzie and John William, Mr. and Mrs. Ross made preparations to emigrate to America, led to this step, undoubtedly, by a desire to provide better opportunities for the future of their children, in an industrial way, than they could command in the crowded old country. The family embarked at Havre, on the sailing ship, William Tell, and after a safe and enjoyable voyage of 38 days, having fine weather, were landed safely in the harbor of New York, in June, 1853. From there, by way of boat, they reached Cleveland and proceeded on to Sandusky City, O., and from there to Shelby, where a kinsman met them and transported them to Vernon township. From there they came to Lykens township and here very soon Mr. Ross purchased 80 acres of wild land, a discouraging appearing property at that time but one, which, after developing, proved that Mr. Ross' judgment and foresight were not at fault. This fine land, now highly improved, belongs to his son and namesake, Peter Ross, the third in the family of that name. On this farm in Lykens township the parents lived until they died, he in 1856, probably of one of the malarial diseases that attacked the early settlers in almost every section and were responsible for many sudden deaths. His widow survived him for many years, her death occurring when within three months of her 84th birthday. They were members of the Evangelical church. One of their children, Lizzie, died in infancy, but six accompanied them to America and of these there are three still living.

John William Ross grew to manhood on the home farm and in the meanwhile went to school and in association with English-speaking children, soon learned the language. He was only 22 years old when he was acknowledged to be a competent saw mill operator, and in 1884 came to Crestline to go into the lumber business. Here he entered into partnership with William Eckstein, also a practical man in the business, and success attended them from the first. From their saw mill, planing mill and lumber yards came a large portion of the material that went into the material upbuilding of this city. The above partnership continued for seven years, when Mr. Ross became sole proprietor and carried on the

large enterprise alone until 1905, when he leased his plant and retired to private life, but still retains ownership. In many ways Mr. Ross has been a useful citizen, investing his capital in different concerns which in their infancy needed a little help and encouraging others by his enterprise, energy and public spirit, and today he stands as one of the city's representative men, enjoying to the fullest extent the esteem of business associates and competitors and a wide circle of personal friends.

Mr. Ross was married at Crestline, to Miss Mary Foltz, who was born here Sept. 12, 1856, a daughter of Bartholomew and Catherine (Helfrich) Foltz. In early life they accompanied their parents from Germany and were reared in Holmes township, Crawford county, where they attended school and after marriage at Bucyrus, moved to Crestline, where Mr. Foltz became connected with the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. Both he and wife died in this city when aged about 71 years. They were members of the German Lutheran church, to which Mr. and Mrs. Ross also belong and in which Mr. Ross has been a deacon for 15 years. To Mr. and Mrs. Ross was born one son, who died in infancy. Mr. Ross is a Democrat in his political views.

DERR BROS. & CO., proprietors of a large meat business at New Washington, O., are prominent business men of this city who have been in this line of trade for many years. The business was founded here in 1869, hence is one of the old and solid houses of the city, and throughout its whole existence, with slight changes in ownership, has deserved the large volume of patronage it has received.

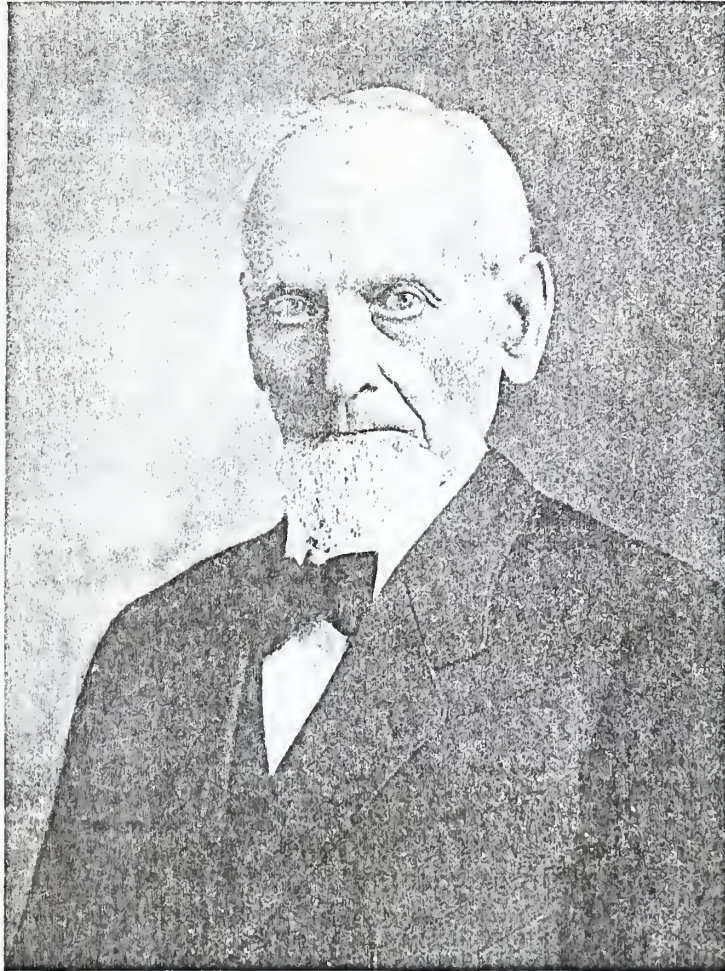
In 1869 L. J. Kimmerline embarked in the meat business at New Washington and continued under his own name until 1885, when he sold out to J. W. Derr and brothers, the firm then being made up of J. W. and Frank Derr, who continued the business until 1901, when F. A. Kimmerline was taken in as a partner and the firm style since then has been Derr Bros. & Co.

J. W. Derr and Frank Derr were born, reared and educated in Crawford county, sons of John and Barbara (Fissel) Derr. John Derr was born in Germany and after coming

to America married Miss Barbara Fissel, a daughter of John Fissel, of English extraction. John Derr died at the age of 37 years, after which his widow, Mrs. Barbara Derr, married L. J. Kimmerline. Mr. Kimmerline was born in Germany and was brought to the United States and to Wayne county, O., by his father, John Kimmerline. Later he removed to Crawford county, where he still resides. Mr. Kimmerline has the following children: C. E., a physician at New Washington, who married Mary Scott; Frederick A., a member of the firm of Derr Bros & Co., who married Lela Hawblits, resides at New Washington and has three children—(Charles W., Ruth L. and Alberta B.); and Maud F., Ida L., Jennie and Clara, all of whom reside with their mother, Miss Jennie being book-keeper for the above named firm. To Mrs. Kimmerline's first marriage two sons were born, J. W. and Frank, both of whom, as previously indicated, are members of the firm of Derr Bros. & Co. J. W. Derr married Miss Emma Martin, and Frank Derr married Miss Etha Guiss. All are well known people of New Washington and are prominent in social as well as business life.

WILLIAM HENRY AUCK, a representative and reliable business man of Bucyrus, O., who is engaged in the real estate and general insurance business, belongs to one of the old and substantial families of Crawford county. He was born Sept. 11th, 1871, in Whetstone township, Crawford county, O., and is the son of Michael and Caroline (Ehmann) Auck, a grandson of Christopher and Rachel (Wagner) Auck, and a great-grandson of George and Rosina (Frank) Auck. The parents of Mr. Auck survive and reside at Bucyrus, O., where they are numbered with the city's most respected and esteemed citizens.

William Henry Auck obtained his education in the public schools of Whetstone township and at the Ohio Normal University, at Ada, O., entering that institution in the Fall of 1891 and was graduated with the degree of B. S., in 1896, having also taught school during the winter seasons in the vicinity of Bucyrus. His father having been elected county treasurer in the spring of 1897, he became his deputy and served as such with en-



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tire efficiency for 18 months. In August, 1898, he accepted the position of assistant cashier of the Second National Bank of Bucyrus, O., and filled the same until January, 1904, when he resigned in order to become cashier of the American National Bank of Barberton, O., and continued in the banking business there for five years. When his resignation from the latter institution was accepted he returned to Bucyrus and in January, 1909, in association with his brother, Samuel E. Auck, embarked in his present business. The firm deals in farm property in Crawford and adjoining counties as well as city real estate, writes fidelity and surety bonds, and carries a general line of fire, life and casualty insurance with some of the oldest and best companies in the country. Both as a firm and individually the Aucks have a high rating.

Mr. Auck was married June 20, 1899, at Brookville, Pa., to Miss Terressa E. Syphrit, who was born Oct. 23, 1877, in Jefferson county, Pa., a daughter of Christopher and Mary M. (Plotner) Syphrit, the former of whom was born in Jefferson county, Pa., on Feb. 9, 1846, and the latter in the same county and state on March 1, 1850. The grandfather, Joseph Syphrit, was born in the Dominion of Canada, Feb. 16, 1814, and in 1816 his father moved to Westmoreland county, Pa. Joseph Syphrit was there married in 1837 to Mary Campbell and in 1841 they moved to Jefferson county, where she died early in 1884. He then married Caroline Allison, in 1885, who survives him and resides at Reynoldsville, Pa. Thirteen children were born to his first union, one of whom was Christopher Syphrit. Joseph Syphrit died April 8, 1895, aged 81 years, 1 month, and 22 days. Mary M. (Plotner) Syphrit was the daughter of John and Elizabeth (Bowersox) Plotner. John Plotner was born Sept. 20, 1803, in Center county, Pa. About 1828 he was married to Elizabeth Bowersox, who was born Dec. 15, 1811, in the same county and state. Later they moved to Jefferson county, where they resided until their death. Grandfather Plotner died Oct. 23, 1869 and his wife, Elizabeth, died May 4, 1900.

In his early business life, Christopher Syphrit was a lumberman and later became a farmer. He was married in 1860 and three chil-

dren were born to him and wife. Mr. and Mrs. Auck have one son, Dale Kenneth, who was born Jan. 3, 1902, and who is now a bright pupil in his classes in the public school. Mrs. Auck is a cultured and accomplished woman and was graduated in music from the Ohio Normal University at Ada, O., in the class of 1897. Both are members of the Presbyterian church,, of which he is a trustee, and while a resident of Barberton, O., an elder. Politically Mr. Auck is a Democrat and fraternally is identified with the Masons.

JOHN JACOB SCHAEFER, a retired merchant and highly respected citizen of Galion, O., owner of the Schaefer Block, No. 133 and 135½ East Main Street, Galion, was born Feb. 3, 1831, in Hesse Darmstadt, Germany, and is a son of Johanas and Elizabeth (Gosz) Schaefer.

The Schaefers were well known and highly thought of people in their native province, small farmers, church supporters and law-abiding citizens. The four sons of Johanas and Elizabeth Schaefer all grew to manhood and all inherited the leading family traits.

John Jacob Schaefer was the eldest born in his parents' family and during his school days he lived on the home farm and afterward learned the tailor's trade. In 1857 he decided to come to the United States and took passage on the steamer Indiana, which took two weeks to make the passage but safely landed the voyagers at the port of New York. He found work in that city among his fellow countrymen and after the completion of the railroad to Galion, came here and found such encouragement in the line of business that he determined to make the growing city his permanent home. For some time he worked at his trade and then embarked in the grocery business in which line he continued for 25 years, at the end of which period he retired. Through enterprise and industry he prospered and with great public spirit he invested in land here which he improved, the Schaefer Block on East Main Street being one of the well built and attractive business blocks of the business district. He also owns a block on South Market Street. He is one of the directors of the Citizens National Bank of Galion. Politically he has always been a Democrat and at

one time he was a member of the city council. His judgment has often been consulted in regard to civic affairs and he has long been considered a representative man.

Mr. Schaefer was married at Galion to Mrs. Elizabeth (Tracht) Heis, who was born and reared in Jefferson township, Crawford county, and was married there to George Heis. He is now deceased as are the three children of that union. Mrs. Schaefer is a daughter of George and Eve Elizabeth (Dingledine) Tracht, natives of Prussian Germany, who crossed the Atlantic Ocean in one of the old slow-moving sailing vessels, long since swept off the waters, from which they were safely landed on the American shore. They came to Crawford county, O., where the father of Mrs. Schaefer secured wild land which he cleared and improved and there both he and his wife died in advanced age. They were members of the German Lutheran church. Of their nine children all reached maturity, eight of these married, and four are yet living all residing in Crawford county. Mr. and Mrs. Schaefer have no children but Mr. Schaefer was also previously married and three of his four children survive. Their mother, Elizabeth (Crider) Schaefer was born in Germany and died at Galion at the age of 45 years, leaving the following children: Charles, a business man of Galion, a member of the grocery firm of Crider & Schaefer, who is married and has three sons and one daughter; August, a machinist in business at Canton, O., who is married and has five children; Jacob, who died when aged 43 years, leaving one son and three daughters; and Frederick, a dry goods merchant at Galion, who married and has two daughters. Mr. Schaefer and sons are all men of high personal standing. He and wife belong to the German Lutheran church.

JEROME M. BRONKAR,* who is well known in the business life of Crestline, where he conducts a shoe repair shop and also, in partnership with John Russell, manufactures a special chair, which is particularly adapted for use in hotel lobbies and other public places, is a native of Crawford county, O., and was born near Crestline, July 20, 1856. He is a son of James and Lucina (Thorp) Bronkar.

The parents of Mr. Bronkar were born in Muskingum county, O., and were reared and married there, afterward moving to Crawford county, in 1850 locating on the line between Crawford and Richland counties. James Bronkar died in 1908, when aged 84 years and six months, having survived his wife since 1892, she being 66 years and eight months at the time of her death. They were members of the Methodist Episcopal church. They had four sons and five daughters born to them.

Jerome M. Bronkar was educated in Crawford county and has been a continuous resident of the same with the exception of 20 years, during which time he was engaged in business at Huntington, Ind., and Elyria, O., in the contracting and building line in the former city and in the laundry business at the latter place, which industry he also carried on for four years at Crestline. He then established his present repair shop, installing a large Champion shoe-repairing machine, and does an extensive business aside from the manufacturing of the comfortable chair above alluded to, the sale of which is rapidly increasing.

In politics Mr. Bronkar is an Independent Republican.

CHARLES A. SIMONTON, superintendent of the Schill Bros. Co., manufacturers of furnaces, stoves and ranges, doing a large business at Crestline, O., was born in Lawrence county, Pa., in December, 1865, and since 1899 has been identified with his present company.

Mr. Simonton enjoyed exceptional advantages, attending Grove City College where he received a degree and in 1891 was graduated from the Oregon State Normal School at Monmouth, with his B. S. degree. For 13 years he followed educational work and during five years of this period was principal of Greensburg Academy at Darlington, Pa. and for one year was principal at New Galilee, in Beaver county, Pa.

For five years after becoming connected with the Schill Bros. Co., at Crestline, Mr. Simonton was a salesman and then became assistant secretary and a director and since January, 1911 has been superintendent of the

plant. This is an important industry of this section, 100 people being given constant employment.

Mr. Simonton was married at Darlington, Pa., to Miss Elsie B. Wells, who was born at New Galilee, Pa., in 1866. She was educated at the State Normal School at Slippery Rock and for seven years before marriage was a teacher. Mr. and Mrs. Simonton have two children: Sarah Dorothy, who was born Aug. 17, 1899, and Ruth Evelyn, who is seven years old. Mr. and Mrs. Simonton are members of the Presbyterian church. He is prominent in Masonry, belonging to the Blue Lodge and Chapter at Crestline, of which he is past master and past high priest, and to the Council and Commandery at Mansfield, O. Mr. and Mrs. Simonton take part in the pleasant social life of the city. He is somewhat independent in politics, looking upon public questions from the stand point of an educated, broad minded man.

A. F. DONNENWIRTH, who is railroad agent for the Pennsylvania lines at Tiro, O., was born at New Washington, O., Dec. 9, 1872, and is a son of John and Malinda Donnenwirth.

A. F. Donnenwirth was reared and educated at New Washington and after his school days learned the art of telegraphing and for a time was in the offices of the Pennsylvania road there, was then transferred to Waldo and before coming to Tiro had a large amount of experience at Bucyrus and other points. At each place he has been interested in the raising of poultry and is a member of the Tiro Poultry Association and is treasurer of this body. Mr. Donnenwirth not only raises poultry as a diversion but makes it very profitable, handling mainly the White Orpingtons. His residence on Homer Street is one of the most modern and best fitted in the town, in which he has a hot and cold water system and an acetylene light plant.

In November, 1898, Mr. Donnenwirth married Miss Emma Siefert, a daughter of Michael and Christine Siefert, of New Washington, O., and they have four children: Oliver, Helen, Walter and Ruth. They are members of the German Lutheran church at New Washington. While a staunch Democrat, Mr. Donnenwirth is

not in any sense a politician, his main interest in public matters being the carrying out of the will of the people and the furthering of movements that will be of permanent benefit to this section. He is a member of the Tiro Fire Department.

EGBERT MORTON FREESE, president of the First National Bank of Galion, O., and one of the leading business men of this section of the State, is president of the firm of E. M. Freese & Co., manufacturers of clay-working machinery. Mr. Freese is now in the prime of life. He was born in 1845 in Medina county, O., and belongs to one of the old pioneer families of this state.

Mr. Freese's paternal grandfather, B. W. Freese, was born at Lee, Mass., where he grew to manhood and married Sally Beaumont. In 1818 they set out with their children to make the long overland trip to Ohio, in the hope of carving out a home in the wilderness, pausing in Medina county, and within a mile of Brunswick, O., acquired 1,000 acres of unbroken land. Their efforts to better their condition resulted in success, and they attained a good old age, being surrounded in their latter years with the comforts to which they were entitled by reason of their industry and perseverance. They were people of thrift and intelligence and, while looking after material things, as was necessary, gave careful attention also to the moral and educational rearing of their large family of children.

Harlow Freese, eldest child of B. W. and Sally Freese, and father of the subject of this sketch, was eight years old when he accompanied his parents from Massachusetts to Ohio, and spent the larger part of his subsequent life as a farmer on a portion of the land secured by his father. His death took place in 1890, when he was about eighty years of age. He had never identified himself with any political party, but gave unqualified support to law and order. He and his wife were both active in the Methodist Episcopal church. He was married in Medina county, in 1840, to Almira Morton, who was born at Pittsfield, Mass., in 1817, a daughter of Erastus and Prudence (Butler) Morton. From Pittsfield the Mortons came to Medina county in 1833, where Erastus Morton became a brick manu-

facturer. He was also a lay preacher in the Methodist Episcopal church. The Butlers were of Wethersfield, Conn. ancestry. All these families were among the early and substantial people of Medina county. Harlow Freese and wife were the parents of two children—M. L., born May 12, 1852, who died in 1882, and Egbert Morton, whose name appears at the head of this article. Mrs. Harlow Freese died in 1886, at the age of 68 years.

Egbert Morton Freese attended the country schools in Medina county. As his inclinations lay in the direction of mechanics rather than farming, he was permitted to learn a trade and became a skilled workman. In 1881, with John D. Fate and George Wilson as partners, he started in the business of manufacturing clay-working machinery. In the following year the firm became Fate & Freese, which style was continued until January, 1890, at which time Mr. Freese became sole proprietor of the business. Since then he has built up what is one of the largest and most important business enterprises in Crawford county. It was established at Plymouth, O., removal being made to Galion in 1891. The present plant, one of the largest of its kind in this section of the state, ships its products to every part of this country and also to many foreign countries, and affords remunerative employment to a large number of people. The extraordinary growth of this enterprise and the importance to which it has attained is due to the business and mechanical ability of Mr. Freese, which has also been displayed in other directions. Although now interested in banking, he is still active in the management of the manufacturing business and spends a considerable part of each day at his office at the plant. He has been identified with the First National Bank since 1903 and during that period the capitalization of the bank has been increased from \$50,000 to \$100,000. As a banker and manufacturer, Mr. Freese occupies a prominent place. He has done much to advance the business and commercial interests of the city and has been a leader in various movements for the common good. His business sagacity is widely recognized and his counsels are sought and his advice acted upon with respect to many of the important commercial enterprises of Galion and the vicinity.

Mr. Freese was married at Galion, in 1882, to Miss Rosina Berger, who was born in Canton Bern, Switzerland, in November, 1853, and who accompanied her parents, Joseph and Barbara (Burgener) Berger, to America in 1869. They located on a farm near Galion, where both parents died when aged about 70 years. They reared their family of eleven children in the faith of the Reformed church, to which Mrs. Freese belongs. Mr. and Mrs. Freese have three children—Herbert H., Arthur J. and Horace E.

Herbert H. Freese, who was born in 1884, attended school in Galion and then entered Case School of Applied Science, of Cleveland, O., and was graduated in the class of 1905. He is associated with his father in business. Arthur J., born in 1887, is a graduate of the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, of the class of 1909, and is active in his father's plant. Horace E., who was born in 1888, was educated in the city schools and in Case School of Applied Science and is also associated with his father in business. The three young men are fine types of educated and interesting young American business men.

HON. JAMES C. TOBIAS, a lawyer of eminence in Crawford county, formerly judge of the Common Pleas Court, was born in Franklin county, Pa., Nov. 11, 1856, a son of William B. and Catherine (Mills) Tobias. The father was born near Carlisle, Cumberland county, Pa., Oct. 1, 1815, and was a son of Benjamin and Sarah (Clouse) Tobias.

When James C. Tobias was a mere lad, residing on his parents' farm about four miles from the Maryland State line, General Lee's army marched through that country, destroying much of their property and helped themselves without scruple to the stock, taking all but six of the horses. James C. was an interested spectator of these stirring scenes, visiting both camps and conversing with the soldiers. The military operations around Chambersburg in 1863 created so much uproar and confusion together with destruction of property that a removal to Crawford county was decided on and James accordingly accompanied his parents, at the age of seven years, to this vicinity. His preliminary education was acquired in the common schools, and he subsequently attended

Cold Run Academy and in the spring of 1872 entered Oberlin College, where he studied until the following September. He then entered Mt. Union College, remaining there three years. He thus acquired a broad literary education to serve as a foundation upon which to rear the superstructure of professional knowledge. During the period of his college days he taught school during the winters and all his vacations he labored upon the farm, earning money to assist in paying his collegiate expenses.

He had by this time decided to adopt the law as his vocation, and accordingly, in the fall of 1876, he became a student in the office of D. W. Swigert, a highly esteemed attorney of Bucyrus. On July 2, 1878, at the age of 21 years, he was admitted to the bar at Delaware, O., and immediately afterward began the practice of his profession in Bucyrus, soon winning a fair share of public patronage. Important litigated interests were entrusted to him and he soon demonstrated his ability to successfully handle the intricate problems of jurisprudence. In 1881, F. S. Monnett, later ex-attorney general of Ohio, entered into partnership with him, under the firm name of Tobias & Monnett, their relationship being maintained until 1888, when Mr. Tobias was elected probate judge of Crawford county, a position he continually filled until 1894. In 1896 he was elected judge of the Court of Common Pleas for the district comprising Crawford, Marion and Wyandot counties, and held that position until February, 1907, being re-elected in 1901, without opposition, for a second term. He made an able, fair and impartial judge, his decisions, being generally sustained by the higher courts. From 1885 to 1900 he was a member of the City Board of Education, ten years of which he was its president, and in that capacity rendered good service. He is a prominent member of the Democratic party and is active in its councils. He was a delegate to the National convention of 1884 that nominated Grover Cleveland for the presidency, has been frequently a delegate to the State convention and was secretary of the State Committee in 1883 and 1884. He was also chairman of the county committee for many years.

In 1879 Judge Tobias was united in marriage with Miss Amina J. Monnett, a daughter of Abraham and Catherine (Braucher)

Monnett. They have had two children—Dean A., who was educated in the Bucyrus public schools and the Ohio State University at Columbus, and Helen M., a graduate of the Bucyrus High School and Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware, O. Judge Tobias is fraternally connected with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and with the Knights of Pythias, being Past Chancellor in the latter organization. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, of which he is one of the trustees. It has been said of him that, "endowed by nature with high intellectual qualities, to which have been added the discipline and embellishments of culture, his is a most attractive personality. Well versed in the learning of his profession and with a deep knowledge of human nature and of the springs of human conduct, he is in the courts an advocate of great power and influence and on the bench a judge who ever commands the respect of the lawyers and of the public by reason of his dignity in office and extreme fairness in decision."

In December, 1881, he assisted in the organization of the Monnett Banking Company, subsequently the Bucyrus City Bank and served as a director in both institutions continuously. Only two of the original stockholders of the Monnett Banking Company continue to hold stock in the Bucyrus City Bank and he is one of that number. The Bucyrus City Bank is known as a state-wide, strong, financial institution and has grown from the smallest to the largest banking institution in Crawford county.

CHARLES E. KLOPP,* deceased, for many years was an important factor in the business life of Galion, O., a successful merchant and a valued and useful citizen. He was born Feb. 15, 1829, in a Rhine province of Prussia-Germany, and was a son of Carl and Mary Anna (Berkenthal) Klopp.

Carl Klopp was born and died in Prussia and was thirty-six years old when his only child, Charles E., was born, and died six months later. He was a dealer in cutlery. After a few years of widowhood, Mrs. Klopp married Daniel Busch, and in 1860 the family came to America, landing in the harbor of New York and from there made their way later

to Galion, where they resided during the rest of their lives. Mr. Busch lived to the age of seventy-two years, while Mrs. Busch died in her sixty-eighth year. They were people of the highest respectability and were members of the Reformed church.

Charles E. Klopp was a young man, still unmarried, when he accompanied his parents to Galion, where, shortly afterward he went into business in association with Daniel Greverath, who was a fellow countryman, in the dry goods business. Several years later this partnership was dissolved and Mr. Klopp continued alone for awhile and then admitted Jacob Weiler to a partnership and this connection continued for fifteen years, when Mr. Weiler retired. Mr. Klopp continued the business under the firm name of L. Klopp (his wife and silent partner), until his last illness, his death occurring May 19, 1901, Mrs. Klopp's interests since then having been under the management of her son, Ernest F. Klopp. It is one of the old and stable business houses of the city.

In 1864, at Galion, Mr. Klopp was married to Miss Lisetta Martin, who was born at Nassau, Germany, Oct. 20, 1844, a daughter of Ludwig and Henrietta (Busch) Martin, natives of Germany and Prussia, respectively. They were married at Warsaw and there the father of Mrs. Klopp followed the stonemason's trade until 1856, when he decided to emigrate to America in search of better industrial conditions than the average man could then find in Germany. The family took passage on the sailing vessel, "John Langley," a three-masted ship, and after a voyage of thirty-two days were safely landed in the port of New York and at once came on to Galion. Mr. Martin was a reliable man at his trade and soon found constant work and had much to do in the construction of many of the present substantial edifices of this city. He was born in 1808 and died in 1874, his widow surviving him two years. They were worthy members of the German Reformed church.

To Mr. and Mrs. Klopp the following children were born: Hulda, who died at the age of seven years; Carl William, who died when four years old; Ernest F., a well educated young man, who capably manages his mother's store; Charles William, who is professor of

music in the public school of Newark, O., is married and has one daughter, Virginia; Hulda Bertha, who resides with her mother; Fred William, who is a machinist, lives at Galion, married here and has one son, Kenneth; Alma H., who married Capt. R. G. Sayers, of the O. N. G. and a mail carrier at Galion, and they have two children, Howard Martin and Marian; and Herbert J., who died when aged eighteen months. Mrs. Klopp and family are members of the German Reformed church and she is active in church organizations.

JOHN M. McCLELLAN,* part proprietor of the Emmerson Hotel, at Crestline, O., is an experienced hotel man and both he and his partner, Walter F. Noggle, are widely known and are very popular hosts. He was born at St. Louis, Mo., March 19, 1864, a son of Frank and Jane (Haines) McClellan.

Frank McClellan, Sr., the grandfather was born in the Highlands of Scotland, where he married Mary Haines, a native of Ireland. They came to the United States and settled first in Maryland and then moved to New Brighton, Pa., where he became a man of financial independence and lived to the age of 94 years. His wife died in her 80th year. They were of the United Presbyterian faith. Of their children two survive: Frank Jr., and William, the latter being a retired resident of New Brighton, Pa.

Frank McClellan, Jr., was born in Maryland and was yet quite young when his father moved to Pennsylvania, where he secured his education and for some years he and his brother William were clay workers and brick makers. Later he became a farmer and now lives retired at Swissvale, Pa., and on Jan. 2, 1912, celebrated his 92nd birthday. He married Jane Haines, who was of Irish ancestry but was born in Ohio and died in Pennsylvania, the mother of four sons and four daughters, all of whom survive except Frank, who was accidentally drowned in boyhood while on a barge on the Mississippi River.

John M. McClellan attended the old Seventh Ward school in St. Louis until he was 13 years of age, when he started to earn his own living, beginning in the cook house of his brother's steamboat, afterward securing a practical training in the candy making business. When

he was young the name of Candy John was given him by his associates and this has clung to him and there are business houses which regard the sobriquet as his real name. As a candy maker he was in the employ of Charles Gunther of Chicago for years and also was with Edward McGinn of Philadelphia. Mr. McClellan has a natural faculty in the line of cooking and has served as chef in large restaurants. His health failing in his in-door industries he became a railroad man and for several years was on runs between Crestline and Pittsburg, after which he became connected with the Central Hotel at Crestline, where he remained for 11 years. In 1910 he became associated with Mr. Noggle in the operation of the Emmerson House.

Mr. McClellan was married at Crestline to Miss Eva L. Burnison, a daughter of William and Lavina (Snyder) Burnison, both now deceased, for many years having been farming people in Jefferson township. Mr. McClellan belongs to the Elks, at Bucyrus and for 18 years has been a member of the Uniform Rank, Knights of Pythias, at Crestline. There are few men in Crawford county better known than Candy John McClellan.

L. G. F. UHL, a member of the firm of Uhl Brothers, proprietors of the Uhl Hatchery, a very important and prosperous business enterprise of Crawford county, O., was born on the old homestead in Cranberry township, Nov. 14, 1859.

L. G. F. Uhl was reared in Cranberry township and went to the parochial school and Hiram College at New Washington and afterward followed farming in his native township, living on the corporation line of New Washington, until 1907, when he moved to his present home on West Mansfield Street. Here the firm erected their plant of three buildings with dimensions of 957x1,257 ft., all under one roof and maintain their offices here, L. G. F. Uhl being the general superintendent. The poultry and egg business of the Uhl Brothers firm has been developed from a modest beginning and has assumed very large proportions, their shipments covering a wide territory to the east, west, south and north. The seven brothers making up the firm are all recognized as men of business capacity and also of business integrity.

Mr. Uhl was married to Miss Mary Brown, a daughter of Martin and Catherine (Pohlman) Brown, of New Washington. They are members of the Roman Catholic church. Mr. Uhl uses his political influence for the Bull Moose, irrespective of party. In addition to his firm interests, Mr. Uhl owns a farm of 1000 acres north and east of New Washington.

CARL C. MILLER,* who conducts a livery business at Crestline, O., having fine quarters with at 60-foot frontage on Thoman Street and an 150-foot extension and ell on West Bucyrus Street, was reared on a farm and has been associated with horses and in the stock business the greater part of his life. He was born in Richland county, O., Sept. 28, 1885, a son of Martin and Emma (Eichorn) Miller.

Christopher Miller, the grandfather, was born in Baden, Germany, and was six years old when his parents, in 1837, emigrated to America and came to Richland county, O., where Mr. Miller still lives on the old homestead in Sandusky township, at the age of 81 years. Of his five children three are living.

Martin Miller, the eldest born of the family, his birth taking place in Richland county in 1855, continued to live on the homestead and went extensively into the breeding of fine horses, mainly Percherons and is still so occupied. He married Emma Eichorn, who was born in 1862 on a farm in Jackson township, Crawford county but was reared in Richland county, a daughter of Frederick and Christina Eichorn, who came also from Baden, Germany. They settled first in Crawford county but afterward moved to Sandusky township, Richland county. They were lifelong members of the German Reformed church. Two sons and five daughters were born to Mr. and Mrs. Eichorn, three of the daughters yet surviving. To Martin Miller and wife seven children were born: Carl C., William, Albert, Christina, Laura, Howard and John, all of whom have been well educated.

On April 1, 1909, Carl C. Miller purchased his present business and property at Crestline, from Edward Miller, and has prospered in his undertaking. He stables about 50 horses and keeps 20 conveyances of all kinds, his trap-pings and equipments being entirely up to date and in good taste.

At Crestline Mr. Miller was married to Miss Laura Newkirk, who was born in 1883, in Wayne county, O., where she was reared and educated but lost her parents when young. Mr. and Mrs. Miller have one daughter, Ruth Lucile, who was born April 25, 1912. Mrs. Miller was reared in the Methodist church, but Mr. Miller belongs to the Reformed church. He is a Democrat in politics, as is his father, and fraternally is connected with the Knights of Pythias at Crestline and the Elks at Galion.

KELLY R. SMITH,* who is manager and buyer for the firm of Smith Bros. & Co., proprietors of a general store at North Robinson, O., was born two miles east of North Robinson, in Jefferson township, Crawford county, July 23, 1879, and is a son of I. W. and Susan (Secrist) Smith.

The Smith family has been identified with the mercantile interests of this place since 1888, when I. W. Smith came here as a pioneer merchant. He was born in Perry County, Pa., and practically has been engaged in Mercantile business all his life, during the Civil War being established at Leesville, Crawford county. The other members of the firm of Smith Bros. & Co., are H. G. Smith and J. E. Morton. Kelly R. Smith is a member of the follow family: Mary, wife of T. J. Morrow; William; Verta, wife of J. E. Morton; Della, wife of William Kibler; Edith, wife of H. A. Knell; Alice, wife of Dr. J. B. Kring, a practicing physician of Caledonia, O.; Pearl, wife of L. C. Ness; Kelly R.; L. M.; Bessie, wife of R. L. Bogan, cashier of the City National Bank of Galion, O.; and H. G., of the firm of Smith Bros. & Co.

After completing the common school course, Kelly R. Smith entered a business college at Mansfield, O., where he was graduated in 1910. For some two years he was employed at Crestline, O., and then embarked in the grocery business at Galion, where he continued for three years, selling out to go into the hardware line, in which he remained interested for eight years, in 1911 coming to North Robinson. He is a shrewd and able business man and keeps his firm well to the front among the commercial houses in this section.

In October, 1902, Mr. Smith was married to Miss Daisy E. Shauck, a daughter of A.

M. and Ella (Hostler) Shauck, residents of Norwalk, O. Mrs. Smith has three sisters: Grace, who is the wife of Fred F. Fletcher; and Bertha and Alma. To Mr. and Mrs. Smith two children have been born, an attractive little son and daughter, respectively bearing the names of Arthur Lyndon and Donna Eileen. Mr. and Mrs. Smith attend the United Brethren church. He is a Republican in politics but has never been willing to consider election to public office, his entire life having been one of too much business responsibility to afford him leisure for political activity.

RT. REV. WILLIAM MONTGOMERY BROWN, D. D., bishop in the Protestant Episcopal church, with jurisdiction until recently in the diocese of Arkansas, is a resident of Galion, O., where he is now engaged chiefly in literary work. He was born near Orrville, Wayne county, O., Sept. 4, 1855, a son of Joseph M. and Lucinda E. (Carey) Brown. He comes of a long established American family, whose immigrant ancestor, William Brown, a native of Scotland, came to the American colonies in the early part of the eighteenth century. This early ancestor of our subject, six generations removed, settled in Pennsylvania, where he spent the rest of his life. His son George, also a direct ancestor of Bishop Brown, served in the Colonial army, during the Revolutionary war, with the rank of lieutenant, and rendered valiant service to the cause he had espoused.

Skipping several generations, of which we have but meagre information, we come to Joseph Morrison Brown, the Bishop's father, who as a young man settled in Ohio, and who, after his marriage and while his children were still young, removed to Iona, Michigan. He was opposed to the coercion of the Southern States, but was drafted into the Federal army and served as a soldier for one year, after which he returned home with a fatal illness, from which he died a little later. His wife, who was still young, returned to Ohio with her three small children, and, being in very poor circumstances, was obliged to find homes for them among friends. Accordingly, William M. was at the age of seven years bound out to a German family, residing near Smithville, with whom he remained for the next

seven years of his life. But being unkindly treated, at the age of fourteen he was removed by the county authorities and placed with another family, where he received better treatment. During most of this time and until he attained his majority, he worked very hard and was at first deprived of and later took but little interest in educational opportunities. Not content to remain a mere drudge, however, he now determined to gain an education, and to this end went to Omaha, Neb., where he secured a place as a coachman, at the same time entering a school composed of children who did not average more than twelve years of age, and by whom he was doubtless regarded at first as a big dunce. In a short time, however, they had cause to change their opinion, for he made such rapid progress in his studies as to gain the admiration and sympathetic help of his teachers, who encouraged him to work hard and advanced him as rapidly as possible, in accordance with his progress. With this help in four years he had reached the high school, completed a course in business college and been granted a teacher's certificate. After teaching for a term, in order to acquire means to pay off some indebtedness to the proprietors of the business college, he went to Cleveland, O., for the purpose of taking a course in the excellent high schools of that city. By this time his energy and remarkable progress had won him friends, who assisted him financially and enabled him to have the benefit of private tutors. He pursued his theological studies at Bexley Hall, a department of Kenyon College, at Gambier, O., which course he finished in 1883. In the same year he was ordained to the Deaconate of the Protestant Episcopal church and a year later was advanced to the Priesthood. Until 1891 he served as circuit missionary, with head-quarters at Galion, O. He was then made the general missionary of his diocese, his headquarters being at Cleveland. He continued in active missionary work, and was appointed special lecturer at Bexley Hall. In 1898 he was consecrated to the episcopate, with jurisdiction as bishop coadjutor of Arkansas. A year later, on the death of the Rt. Rev. Dr. Henry Niles Pierce, he became bishop of the diocese. In this position he labored earnestly and conscientiously, and with visible results, until May, 1912, at which time on account of

broken health, he resigned. He is especially interested in the cause of Church Union and is now doing literary work on its behalf. He is the author of works which have attracted attention among churchmen and others by the clear and scholarly presentation of the subjects treated, among which may be mentioned, "The Church for Americans," published in 1895, which had an extensive sale; "The Crucial Race Question," published in 1907, and "The Level Plan for Church Union," published in 1910. As a writer, Bishop Brown is earnest, clear and forceful; his subjects are well thought out and presented in a manner to interest and command the attention of the most careless reader. That his books have a high educational value and will have a permanent influence for good will be doubted by none who are familiar with their contents. He has many friends and admirers in Galion, some of whom date the beginning of their friendship to the time he first came among them as a young missionary nearly thirty years ago.

Bishop Brown was married in Cleveland, O., April 9, 1885 to Miss Ella Bradford, a native of Ohio and a cultured and refined lady, who, with her mother, has been much assistance to him in his life's work. They have a beautiful home in Galion, where on suitable occasions they extend a generous but unostentatious hospitality to their more intimate friends and acquaintances.

HENRY E. BORMUTH,* a member of the board of county commissioners of Crawford county, O., is a prominent and substantial citizen of this county who was born July 11, 1865, in Sharon township, Richland county, O., and has spent his life in his native state. He is one of a family of three children born to his parents, George and Barbara (Arnold) Bormuth, the former of whom was identified for many years with the Pennsylvania Railroad.

Henry E. Bormuth obtained a good, common school education and since reaching manhood has been engaged in a general contracting business. In these modern days every intelligent man takes a more or less active interest in public affairs and Mr. Bormuth is no exception. He is a staunch Democrat and on the Democratic ticket has been elected to numerous important



offices and has served on the school board and on the Water works commission at Bucyrus. He is widely known and has many friends and in 1908 when he was elected a member of the board of county commissioners, it was by a majority of more than 1,500 votes.

Mr. Bormuth married Miss Maggie L. Frick, a daughter of William Frick, and they have three children.

ARTHUR C. NEWKIRK,* who is an employe of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company at Crestline, O., of many years standing, since 1899 having been freight conductor with his own crew, was born in Wayne county, O., Nov. 28, 1865, and is a son of Faxton and Helen (Pocock) Newkirk.

The Newkirks and Pococks were pioneer settlers in Wayne County, and the parents of Mr. Newkirk were born and reared on neighboring farms. After marriage they settled on the Newkirk homestead and three children were born to them: Arthur C.; Francis F., who was a railroad man and was accidentally killed while on duty, being survived by a widow and daughter; and Emily J., who married Dr. J. A. Dalton, of Pasadena, Calif. The father of Mr. Newkirk died at the age of thirty-five years and afterward the mother contracted a second marriage, becoming the wife of J. D. Cameron of Loudonville, O. To that marriage two children were born: Florence and Harry.

Arthur C. Newkirk attended the public schools in Wayne county and remained in that section until he entered railroad life, when he came to Crestline and on April 3, 1883 entered the service of the Pennsylvania Railroad as a brakeman and was on the run from Crestline to Alliance for some ten years. He then was made a flagman and later a freight conductor as mentioned above, and has continued with the company, with which his record is excellent, his care and good judgment having prevented accident and loss to the company on many an occasion.

Mr. Newkirk was married at Shreve, O., to Miss Lyda Bruce, who was born, reared and educated in Holmes county. Mr. and Mrs. Newkirk have two sons: Bruce Faxton, who is a graduate of the Crestline High school of the class of 1912; and Rex, who is a member of the class of 1914, in the High school. The fam-

ily belongs to the Presbyterian church. In politics Mr. Newkirk is a Republican. He is identified with several railroad organizations, both at Alliance and Crestline, and belongs to the fraternal order of Maccabees.

JAMES DECKER, one of the prominent men and successful agriculturists of Whetstone township, who is serving with much efficiency in the office of road commissioner, was born in Sandusky township, Crawford county, Oct. 29, 1850. His parents were Aaron and Nancy Y. (Bishop) Decker.

Aaron Decker was born at Patterson, N. J., a son of James and Jane (Luke) Decker. After coming to Ohio he engaged in carpentry in Crawford county for many years and finally became a very successful farmer. He married Nancy Y. Bishop, who was born in Ashland county, O., a daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth (Young) Bishop, and the following children were born to them; Melvina, who is the wife of E. L. Swonger; Elizabeth J., who is the wife of D. B. Eichelberger; James and John B.

James Decker obtained his educational training in the public schools in Whetstone township, the grammar school at Bucyrus and at Oberlin College, where he remained through one term. With this preparation, Mr. Decker began to teach school and succeeded so well that he continued a teacher for five years, after which he returned to agricultural pursuits and gives careful and intelligent attention to his fine farm of 200 acres, which is well stocked and suitably improved. Mr. Decker is on the directing board of the Farmers and Citizens Bank and Savings Company, and is one of the stockholders. He has been more or less prominent in politics for a number of years, and on two occasions was his party's choice for representative. For eleven years he has been commissioner for Road District No. 1; for a long period has served on the school board; for twelve years has been a member of the Fair board and for many years was a director of the Crawford County Insurance Company. His many interests have served to widen his acquaintance and in many sections he has cemented lasting friendships.

In September, 1876, Mr. Decker was married to Miss Alice C. Briggs, a daughter of

Albert R. and Sylvia Ann (Blowers) Briggs, and a granddaughter of John O. Blowers. The father of Mrs. Decker was a farmer in Liberty township. He was married three times, first to a Miss Smalley, and the two children of this union died young. His second marriage was to Sylvia Ann Blowers and they had two children: A. R. and Alice C. The third marriage was to Sarah Elizabeth Andrews and two children were born to them: Ida Jane, who is deceased; and F. M. Briggs. Mr. and Mrs. Decker have one daughter, Eva A., who married W. H. Albright. The latter was accidentally killed by a railroad train at North Robinson, Crawford county. The family belong to the English Lutheran church. Mr. Decker is a Republican in politics, as was his father.

WALTER L. NOGGLE,* proprietor of the Emmerson Hotel, a well kept hostelry at Crestline, O., and one of the oldest in the city, was born at Jeromesville, Ashland county, O., Oct. 14, 1866, and is a son of John and Rebecca (Kidgeley) Noggle.

John Noggle was born in Wayne county, of Pennsylvania parents and German ancestry, while his wife came from English people. They were married at Jeromesville and Mr. Noggle engaged first in farming but in 1865 took charge of the Wetherbee House in connection, retaining his farm largely for the breeding of race horses, in which industry he became widely known and at different times owned some noted racers, the names: Jim Crow, Baxter, Whistler and others being familiar to all interested in racing or trotting horses. In 1862 he went to Mansfield and for two years was in the wholesale tobacco and cigar trade and also for some years was an extensive dealer in provisions at Jeromesville. In 1872 he returned to the hotel business and operated the Noggle House, later the European and still later the Park Hotel, now known as the Southern Hotel, which he conducted until he took charge of the Emmerson Hotel at Crestline in which he continued to be interested until within a few years of his death, in February, 1907, at the age of 60 years. At one time he was prominent in Democratic politics, both in Ashland and Richland counties. His wife died in 1905, an estimable woman and a faithful member of the Christian church. Of their

children, three sons survive: B. Frank, who is a farmer in Medina county, O.; John W., who resides at Norwalk, O.; and Walter L., of Crestline.

Walter L. Noggle's early training prepared him for a successful career in the hotel business. The Emmerson Hotel building was erected 50 years ago and a hotel has been continuously operated. Under different proprietors many changes have been made and it is a very popular hostelry, especially for transients and for railroad people, who find here comfortable quarters and an excellent table at a very moderate price. In 1898 R. J. and Walter L. Noggle took charge and conducted the same until 1908, when Walter L. Noggle became sole proprietor and continued alone until 1910, when he admitted J. M. McClellan to a partnership and this continues. This hotel has 32 well furnished sleeping rooms and all other hotel equipments and is kept open day and night.

At Bucyrus, O., Mr. Noggle was married to Miss Caroline Derfler, who was born in Holmes township, Crawford county, in 1867. Mr. Noggle is a member of the Knights of Pythias, Uniform Rank and belongs also to the Crestline lodge of the order of Eagles. He is a Democrat in politics but has never been willing to entertain any offer of public office.

LEWIS L. KNOBLE, V. S.,* who has been professionally established at Galion, O., since 1890, and after an exceedingly successful period of practice is on the eve of retirement, was the pioneer in veterinary surgery in this city and became the leading practitioner in Crawford and Morrow counties. Dr. Knoble was born near Wooster, in Wayne county, O., March 27, 1856, a son of Anthony F. and a grandson of Anthony Knoble.

Both the father and grandfather of Dr. Knoble were born in Switzerland, in Canton Bern, the former in 1831. When the family came to the United States it was on a sailing vessel that required three months to cross the Atlantic Ocean and after landing in the harbor of New York, he came immediately to Mt. Eaton, in Wayne county, O. Land was cleared and improved and the family grew and prospered. Anthony Knoble

and wife had four sons and three daughters, all of whom married. One son, Charles E., served all through the Civil War, was twice wounded in battle and is now an inmate of the Soldiers' Home at Sandusky, O. Another son, Alexander, lives in Loudenville, O.; Ellen is the widow of Peter Graber and lives at Wooster, O.; Josephine lives at Apple Creek, Wayne county, O.; and Lena died in young womanhood.

Anthony F. Knoble was two years old when his people settled in Wayne county and during his active life was a farmer and auctioneer. He had the gift of language and could speak French, German and English equally well and could cry sales in all three tongues. In advanced age he retired to Canton, O., where he died January 12, 1911. In Wayne county he married, November 2, 1851, Celestine Cueine, who was born in a French settlement in Switzerland, August 13, 1829, of French parentage. Her people came to the United States in 1842 and settled on land near Mt. Eaton and lived there until the close of their lives. They belonged to the Reformed church. After marriage Anthony F. Knoble and wife resided in Paint township, Wayne county until they retired to Canton, as mentioned, and there the mother of Dr. Knoble died February 26, 1910. They were faithful members of the Reformed church. They had nine children: Edward, Cecelia, Lewis L., Albert A., Charles C., Lyda E., Edmund E., Lee and Alma A., all surviving except Edward who died at the age of nine years.

Lewis L. Knoble was reared in Wayne county and assisted his father in the industries pertaining to the home farm and in this way became interested along the line of veterinary science, seemingly having a natural talent in that direction. Almost from boyhood he practiced to some extent and after locating at Galion he continued a student and in 1892 was graduated from the Chicago Veterinary College. Dr. Knoble has often been called in a professional way long distances from home and his opinion has carried weight on many occasions, when public inspection was being carried forward, according to law. There are many who will learn with regret of his retirement from a field in which he had shown such marked ability. His immediate suc-

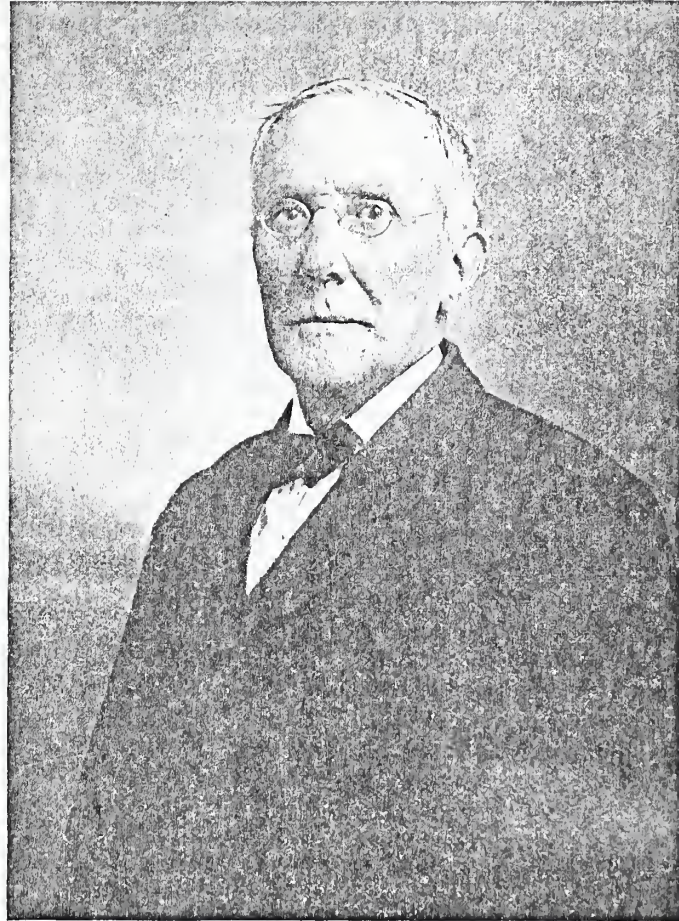
cessor will be found in Dr. Joy C. Wickham, a native of Delaware county, who is a graduate of the Ohio State Medical College in the veterinary department, in the class of 1912.

Dr. Knoble was married at Mt. Eaton, O., Dec. 26, 1877, to Miss Felicia P. Pinkerton, who died at her home in Galion, Dec. 20, 1910. She belonged to the well known family that has made the name of Pinkerton known all over the world. She was a daughter of James Y. and Lydia (Beam) Pinkerton, natives of Pennsylvania and of Scotch-Irish ancestry. After their marriage in Pennsylvania they came to Wayne county and invested in land in Paint township, where they owned a whole section and were people of local importance there, living into old age.

To Dr. and Mrs. Knoble five children were born: Grace P., who is the wife of Homer Jacobs, who is in the tailoring business at Battle Creek, Mich.; Carl R., who is a practicing physician at Sandusky, O., being a graduate of Starling Medical College, is married and has two children—Ross and Grace; George Warren, who died at the age of four years, and Clyde Leroy at the age of two years, both being victims of diphtheria; and Glenn G., who is a graduate of the Galion High School and is in the transfer business at Galion. The mother of the above children was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, to which body Dr. Knoble also belongs. He is fraternally identified with the Foresters at Galion, in which he has held high official position and belongs also to the Modern Woodmen. Politically he is a Democrat and has served two terms in the city council and once was president of that civic body.

JOSEPH KING, one of the highly respected citizens of Galion, O., who lives in his handsome residence which stands on the corner of Columbus and Sherman Streets, Galion, has been retired from active business life since 1907 but for many years previously had been identified with the building trades. He was born near Lewistown, Mifflin county, Pa., July 12, 1845, and is a son of Joshua and a grandson of Jonathan King.

Jonathan King was born in Berks county, Pa., married there, reared his family on his



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farm and died there in old age. Joshua King was reared in Berks county and he became a woolen manufacturer, making yarns, blankets and flannel. After removing to Mifflin county he married Catherine Miller, a daughter of John Miller, and they continued in Mifflin county until 1860, when, with their three children: David M., Michael H. and Joseph, they came to near Sidney, O., purchasing 160 acres of land in Shelby county, on which both died. Joshua King was born in 1808 and died in 1872 and was survived ten years by his widow, who was then aged 70 years. They were most worthy people in every relation of life, faithful members of the Dunkard church and kind and sympathetic neighbors. Of their children, David M. died on the old farm near Sidney, on Sept. 20, 1911, when aged almost 71 years and is survived by his family. Michael H. is a resident of Sidney, while Joseph belongs to Crawford county.

Joseph King was 15 years of age when the family moved to Shelby county and there he grew to manhood. For two years he worked at the carpenter trade when his enlistment for service in the Civil War interrupted, he in 1864 becoming a member of Co. K, 134th O. Vol. Inf., under Col. Armstrong and Capt. Rhinehart. Mr. King took part in the battles of Waltham and before Petersburg, during his four months' service, at the close of his enlistment being honorably discharged, with the rank of corporal. After completing his apprenticeship, after the war, he came to Galion and worked as a carpenter, subsequently as a contractor and in this relation took part in the erection of many of the handsome buildings of this city. In 1905 he erected a planing mill which he operated until 1907, when he retired. An honest business man and a reliable, substantial citizen is his reputation at Galion.

Mr. King was married first in the vicinity of Galion to Miss Catherine Shindler, who was born at Bucyrus, O., and died at her home in this city, at the age of 45 years. She was the devoted mother of the following children: Edward, a mechanic, who is a resident of Cleveland, where he married and has one daughter; John H., who lives on his farm in Richland county, O., and who is a contractor, and has a wife, three sons and two daughters; Lewis E., a carpenter, who resides at Galion; Catherine, who lives at home; and Clara, who

now deceased, who was the wife of Clarence Kinsey and is survived by a granddaughter, who lives with her grandparents. Mr. King was married second, to Miss Catherine Swineforth, who was born and reared in Richland county, and they have two sons: Clarence W., who is a machinist in business at Galion; and Wilbur, who lives with his parents. Mr. King and sons are Republicans in their political leanings and all are men of dependable qualities. The family belongs to the First Reformed church at Galion. Mr. King is a member of Dick Morris Post, No. 130, G. A. R.

JOHN SCHILL, hardware merchant, at Crestline, O., senior member of the firm of John Schill & Sons, is one of the reliable, representative and substantial business men of this city. He was born in Sharon township, Richland county, O., Oct. 9, 1850, a son of George and Rose (Horning) Schill.

The parents of Mr. Schill were born in Baden, Germany and the father, George Schill, was three years old when his parents, Lauderline and Theresa (Hummel) Schill came to the United States and located in Sharon township, Richland county, O., being among the earliest settlers. George Schill grew to manhood on the home farm and became a farmer and lumber manufacturer. He came to Crestline in 1892 and here his death occurred July 14, 1911, when aged 81 years. His widow survives, being now aged 72 years. Her parents, Joseph and Catherine (Melcher) Horning, were very early settlers in Liberty township, Crawford county, from which section they subsequently moved to Richland county and both died in old age in Sharon township. They were members of the German Catholic church. To George Schill and wife eight children were born, namely: John; Catherine; Joseph, who was formerly a business partner of his eldest brother, and who met an accidental death on Nov. 9, 1909, while walking on a railroad track and is survived by his wife and son; Peter, who is a hardware merchant at Cleveland; Jacob, who is a farmer near Alberta, Canada; Sarah, who is the wife of Joseph Metzger, a farmer in Sharon township; Lena, who is the wife of Edward Efts, of Mansfield; and Henry, who is connected with the Pennsylvania Railroad at Crestline.

John Schill was reared and attended school in Richland county. In 1876 he came to Crestline to learn the trade of timmer, and afterward, with his brother the late Joseph Schill, started a hardware store under the firm name of Schill Bros., a number of years afterward disposing of their interest to the firm of Brown & Trimble. In 1892 Mr. Schill and brother started a foundry to manufacture heating furnaces, after their own pattern and patent, and two years later added the manufacture of steel ranges. In 1899 the business was incorporated, the name becoming Schill Bros. Co., of which John A. Schill is a stockholder and director, W. H. Weaver being president. They work with a capital of \$200,000. Since January, 1911, Mr. Schill has been additionally interested as a merchant, with quarters on the corner of Thoman and Bucyrus streets, a full line of hardware, stoves of all descriptions, and farm implements, being carried and the firm also are tanners and roofers.

At New Washington, O., Mr. Schill was married to Miss Louisa Mutt, who was born in Auburn township, Crawford county, and their children range in age from twenty-one to four years: Charles E., Clement A., Helene R., William Joseph, George A., Maria L., Leo F. and Paul E. They have been educated in the parochial school of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church and also in the public schools. Mr. Schill is a Democrat in politics and is identified with the fraternal orders of C. K. of O., and the W. O. W.

AARON MAPLE, a general contractor and builder at Galion, O., whose activities in this direction have covered a period of 18 years, was born near Richmond, Jefferson county, Ohio, May 20, 1866.

The first Maples came from England to Princeton, N. J. Six brothers emigrated to Huntington, Pa., in the year 1761. William Maple and his brother Thomas came from Port Homer, Jefferson county, Ohio, they being two of the six brothers above mentioned, coming here from Huntington. William Maple married Kessiah Larrison in the year 1791. When the state was admitted to the Union in 1803 he bought a farm, paying for it with Continental money. He was a farmer and

veterinary surgeon by occupation. To this union were born four sons—William, George, Benjamin and Jacobs, and five daughters—Abbie, Polly, Sarah, Clara and Kessiah. William emigrated to Bourbon county, Kentucky. George emigrated to Coshocton county, Ohio. Benjamin married Mary Rick and was the father of 23 children and was captain on the northern lakes in the War of 1812, but still retained his residence in Jefferson county, Ohio. Jacob married Catherine Adams and lived in Jefferson county, Ohio. Polly married Robert Maple and lived in Jefferson county, Ohio. Sarah married John McClain and also lived in Jefferson county, Ohio, of which marriage there were eleven children born. This John McClain was the grandfather of the mother of the subject of this sketch, consequently a maternal great grandfather. Clara married James McClelland. Kessiah married George Culp. Abbie, who was the eldest daughter, married her cousin, Aaron Maple, son of Thomas, this Aaron being our subject's great grandfather in the direct paternal line. To them were born two sons—Thomas, who died in infancy, and Aaron (2nd), the latter being the grandfather of the present Aaron Maple.

Aaron Maple (2d), above mentioned, was born May 19, 1798. In 1822 he married Catherine Bowers, who was of German descent and born in Jefferson county. In 1826 he secured land from the Government, the deed being dated Oct. 6th and signed by President J. Q. Adams. This document is now in the possession of his grandson, Mr. Aaron Maple of Galion. Aaron Maple (2d) died in 1873, having attained his 75th year. His wife Catherine lived to the advanced age of 86, dying in 1888. They were good people in every relation of life and worthy members of the English Lutheran church. To them were born three sons and three daughters: Abbie died June 6, 1850. Thomas Maple married Elizabeth Wright of Jefferson county, Ohio and moved to Alexandra, Kansas in 1878. William B. Maple married Anna Maple and moved to Pawnee, Kansas in 1881; to them were born nine children. Sarah Maple married William Heisler and moved to Harrison county, Ohio; to them were born two sons—John T. and Henry A. Anna Maple married

George Maple and to them were born ten children. Tillie Maple moved to Columbiana county, Ohio and resided with her niece, Mrs. Thomas Randolph.

George B. Maple was born January 4, 1826. He grew to manhood on his father's farm, of which he came into subsequent possession and where he continued to live until his death, which took place in 1893, when he was 67 years old. He was married Sept. 10, 1857 to Jane McClain, by the Rev. L. Grier, a United Brethren minister. She was of Scotch-Irish ancestry, her people having been early settlers in Jefferson county. She died there in 1889, when aged 57 years. Both she and her husband were members of the Lutheran church. To them were born four sons and one daughter: Lewis H. Maple married Moody McClain of Harlem Springs, Carroll county; in 1888 they moved to Galion, O., where he worked on the Erie Railroad for 22 years in the carpenter and interlocking department. In 1911 he resigned, to take a position with his brother Aaron in the building line. To them were born five sons—John R., Lewis M., Dean P., Joseph D. and Roderick W. Etta Maple married George W. McClain and lives on the old homestead. William M. and Olive C. died in infancy.

Aaron Maple, the direct subject of this sketch, whose nativity has been already given, attended country school and worked on the farm for his father until he was 21 years old. He then learned the carpenter's trade, at which he was employed until 1891, when he went to Galion, O., and worked four years there for the Erie Railroad in the carpentering department. In 1895 he resigned this position and entered into his present occupation as contractor and builder. He is a competent and reliable contractor and for many years has done a large share of this work in Galion.

Mr. Maple was married at Galion, May 21, 1896, to Miss Bertha M. Aukerman, of Galion, who was born in this city and graduated from the Galion High school in the class of 1895. Her parents, James L. and Sarah C. (Cockrell) Aukerman, were natives of Wayne county, Ohio, where they lived before coming to Galion. Mr. Aukerman was identified with the Erie Railway from the time it was built until his death in 1898, at the age of 53 years.

Mrs. Maple's mother resides in Cleveland, O., and is now in her 66th year. A brother of hers, Clayton E., succeeded his father with the Erie and resides at Galion, with wife and son, James McClure. Mrs. Maple has one sister, Winifred, now the widow of William Ritzhaupt, who left five children—Roy, Laura, Catherine, Mary and Hazel.

Mr. and Mrs. Maple have one daughter, Georgetta, who was born March 26, 1899. They are all members of the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. Maple is identified with the Knights of Pythias, the Modern Woodmen and the Order of Ben Hur, and he belongs also to the Commercial Club.

JAMES L. MORROW,* secretary of the Burch Plow Works Company, at Crestline, O., has been connected with this important business concern since 1907, and is recognized as one of the able young business men of this city. He was born in February, 1883, a son of Truman J. and Mary M. (Smith) Morrow.

The parents of Mr. Morrow were born in Crawford county, O. Among the early settlers near Leesville, came James and Aseneth Morrow, his grandparents, who were natives of Pennsylvania. They secured land there and James Morrow operated a stone quarry for some years, in after life moving to a farm near what is known as Porchers' Corners. There he and wife died in advanced age. Of their children, Truman J., father of James L. Morrow, was born Oct. 17, 1859 and now resides on his farm in Jefferson township, having always lived in Crawford county. He was married in Jefferson township to Mary M. Smith, a daughter of Isaac W. and Susan (Sechrist) Smith, and three children were born to them: James L., Oscar C. and Hazel E.; Oscar C., who was born in 1889, operates a stone quarry on his farm near Leesville. He married Olivia Retting, daughter of Nicholas Retting, and they have one son, Burwell; Hazel E. is the wife of John K. McKean and they reside at Bucyrus. James L. Morrow and wife are members of the United Brethren church.

James L. Morrow was educated at Crestline and at the Northern Ohio University at Ada, O. He afterward became bookkeeper for the Leesville Stone Quarry Company dur-

ing the summer seasons and taught school during the winters for five terms. In December, 1907 he became bookkeeper for the Burch Plow Works Company at Crestline, later assistant secretary and in December, 1908, was elected secretary, a position that he fills with the greatest efficiency.

Mr. Morrow was married in 1905, in Jefferson township, Crawford county, to Miss Jessie S. Hart, a daughter of Salmon and Elizabeth (Helfrich) Hart. Mrs. Morrow was born in Jefferson township, March 30, 1885, and lost her father when quite young. Her mother subsequently became the wife of Henry Dopper and they still reside in Jefferson township. They are members of the German Lutheran church, while Mr. and Mrs. Morrow belong to the English Lutheran church. The latter have one daughter, Lucile E., who was born Dec. 7, 1906. Mr. Morrow is a Republican in his political affiliation.

ELMER J. FRY,* who lives on the old homestead farm of over 140 acres, which is situated in section 27, Cranberry township, Crawford county, O., belongs to an old Crawford county family that was established in Cranberry township by the grandfather, John Fry, who secured this land during the administration of President Andrew Jackson. Elmer J. Fry was born here June 24, 1867, and is a son of John C. and Mary A. (Becker) Fry.

John C. Fry was born in Crawford county, one mile north of Sulphur Springs and did not settle on this farm until after he married, when he purchased it from his father. He was an educated man, having attended Oberlin College in youth, afterward engaging in farming. He continued to live in Cranberry township until he retired, when he moved to Tiffin, O., but subsequently returned to the farm to end his days among early surroundings. He married Mary A. Becker, who was born near Harrisburg, Pa. Her people later moved to Crawford county and her father lived one mile south of Sulphur Springs for a number of years and then moved to Michigan. She died Jan. 4, 1898, her husband surviving until Feb. 3, 1911. They had three sons and one daughter, namely: Eugene, who was born June 30, 1864, married Ida McKeehen, and they live in Cranberry township north

of the home farm; Elmer; William, who was born July 24, 1872, married Catherine Bozenville and live at Toledo; and Minnie, who is the wife of Clarence Hathaway, and they live at Lansing, Mich. The father of the above family was a lifelong Republican, and he and his wife were faithful members of the Methodist Protestant church.

Elmer J. Fry not only remained at home through a happy boyhood but was able to attend school without leaving his father's land, the old log building utilized for school purposes then standing eighty rods south and west of the present residence. His tastes proved to be agricultural and after his school days were over he decided to remain with his parents and cultivate the home estate and has continued here, purchasing the property when his parents died. He still has twenty-five acres in valuable woodland but all the rest of the land is under a high state of cultivation.

Mr. Fry married Miss Lecanna McCammon, who was born in Sandusky township, a daughter of R. B. and Sarah McCammon, former well known residents of Sandusky township. Mr. and Mrs. Fry have had three children, the youngest, Bertha, alone surviving. She is a bright little seven-year old school girl. Robert R. died when almost two years old and the second born, a son, died in infancy. Mr. and Mrs. Fry attend the Lutheran church, Mrs. Fry being a member. Mr. Fry has always been a citizen interested in public matters and enjoys the confidence of his fellow citizens. He has been a school director and for six years served as a trustee of Cranberry township.

JOHN CHRISTOPHER BELTZ, one of the old and well known residents of Crawford county, lives on his farm of 84 acres, in Polk township, three miles west of Galion.

His father, Christopher Beltz, was a son of Christopher and Wilhelmina (Barkins) Beltz, and was born in Philadelphia, Pa., on the morning of July 8, 1791. He was married to Elizabeth Wetzol, who was born near Sunbury, Pa., Aug. 8, 1780. By this union were the following children: Elizabeth, born June 23, 1811 in Center county, Pa., died Aug. 31, 1903; Lydia, born April 4, 1816, died Feb.

8, 1889; Isaac, born Sept. 30, 1818, died Aug. 1, 1889; Catherine, born Dec. 11, 1820, died Oct. 10, 1895; John C., our subject, born April 19, 1823; Margaret, born Jan. 25, 1826, died Feb. 16, 1879; William W., born Oct. 28, 1827, died Aug. 16, 1874; Eliza, born April 20, 1830, died Oct. 5, 1851; Sarah, born March 28, 1832; and Elias, born July 4, 1834.

Christopher Beltz came to Crawford county with his family in 1829, spending the first winter in Galion, and in 1830 he purchased 160 acres of John Brown for \$450, and on a part of this land the subject of this sketch still resides.

John C. Beltz came to this county with his parents when a boy of six years. He was born in Center county, Pa., April 19, 1823. He assisted his father on the farm and received his schooling in the old log school house which stood on his father's farm, attending school when the weather was too bad to work. He has lived on the farm ever since he came to the county, a period of 83 years. On April 19, 1845, his 22nd birthday, he married Miss Nancy Ree, who died Dec. 26, 1899 and was buried at Galion. She was a daughter of David and Elizabeth (Pletcher) Reed, who had the following children: Jacob, Catherine, wife of Jacob Ramer; Elizabeth, wife of Samuel Pletcher; Andrew; Nancy, the wife of our subject; and David.

Mr. and Mrs. John C. Beltz had the following children born to them: Sarah Jane, the wife of William Shearer; Elias, who died in 1864; Jenima Jane, who was married first to John Kiefer and secondly to John Shumaker; William M., Elizabeth, who married William Wiggs; Willard John, who died in 1864; and Alonzo Perry and Nancy Margaret, who live at home with their father. All these children were born in Polk township.

Mr. Beltz is a Democrat in politics and was trustee of Polk township several terms. He belongs to the English Lutheran church.

FRANK A. WALTHER,* one of the representative business men of Bucyrus, O., who has been engaged in the hardware line at No. 201 Sandusky street, for the past sixteen years, was born in this city, May 23, 1862, and is a son of Christopher and Margaret (Schuler) Walther.

Christopher Walther, was born in 1839, in Baden, Germany, and was ten years old when he accompanied his parents to America. His father, Christian Walther, settled in Liberty township, Crawford county, O., and there he and wife died in old age. They had three sons and two daughters, all surviving, Christopher being the first born. He grew to manhood in Liberty township, where he learned the carpenter's trade and afterward moved to Bucyrus, where he later became a well known contractor. He built many business blocks and other structures in this city, including the Union schoolhouse, but has been retired for some years. He still takes much interest in local matters, especially in the material development of Bucyrus, and occupied a comfortable residence on the corner of Poplar and Charles streets. In politics he is a Democrat and at times has served in civic offices very satisfactorily. At the time the city charter was granted he was a member of the city council and served two terms.

Christopher Walther was married at Bucyrus, to Miss Margaret Schuler, who was born in New York in 1833, being an only child. Her parents were born in Germany, married in New York and later were residents of Bucyrus. Mrs. Walther spent her entire life in this city, where she died in 1902. She was a member of the Lutheran church. To Christopher Walther and wife five children were born, namely: Metta, who is the widow of Paul Bovaiter and resides with her son at Fort Wayne, Ind.; Frank A.; Fred E., who died at Grand Rapids, Mich., in January, 1911, and is survived by his widow; Lena, who is the wife of Charles Flocken, of Bucyrus, and has one child; and Lizzie, who is the wife of Philip Marquart, residing at Crestline, O.

Frank A. Walther obtained his education in the public schools of his native city and then learned the carpenter's trade with his father, although he has devoted but little time to it. For some five years before he became interested in the hardware business, he operated a flax mill. The hardware store with which Mr. Walther has so long been identified was started in 1895, by the firm of Fisher & Howe, Mr. Walther later taking over the Howe interest and still later assuming the position of head of the concern, when the style became F. A.

Walther & Co. which continued until 1905, when he bought the other interests and since then has been sole proprietor. He carries a complete line of shelf and builders' hardware, stoves, furnaces and tinware, together with roofing of all kinds and all goods connected with the roofing business. As one of the substantial business men who has proved his reliability, Mr. Walther easily leads the hardware trade in this city.

Mr. Walther married Miss Otilia Renkert, who was born at Bucyrus, Sept. 21, 1864, a daughter of Christian and Helen (Wolrath) Renkert. They were born in Germany, came to America when young and were married in this city. For many years Mr. Renkert was in the shoe business here. Mr. and Mrs. Walther have two children: Harry George F., who was born Feb. 18, 1883 and was graduated from the Bucyrus High School in the class of 1903. Since leaving school he has assisted his father in the hardware business. He is also active as a citizen and has served two terms as a member of the city council. He married Miss Nellie Bachman, of Galion, O. The second child of Mr. and Mrs. Walther, Cora E., was born at Bucyrus, November 30, 1887, and was graduated from the Bucyrus High School in the class of 1906. She is her father's capable bookkeeper. She is well known in social circles and is also an earnest church worker and belongs to the Y. W. Missionary Society and the Young People's Society of the German Lutheran church, to which her parents and brother also belongs. Mr. Walther and son are Democrats in politics and both have been useful to the city as members of its board of aldermen. Mr. Walther belongs to the Elks and the Knights of Pythias, at Bucyrus.

JOHN B. DECKER, who has lived in comfortable retirement in the city of Bucyrus, O., for a number of years, for a long period was a successful agriculturist and still owns an excellent farm of 120 acres which is situated in Liberty township, Crawford county, O. Mr. Decker was born in Sandusky township, Crawford county, Sept. 17, 1852, and is a son of Aaron and Nancy (Bishop) Decker.

The Decker family is of German ancestry. Previous to becoming residents of Crawford

county in 1830, the Deckers lived in New Jersey and many of the name still may be found there. Aaron Decker was born in New Jersey, a son of James Decker, who established the pioneer home in Liberty township, Crawford county and died soon afterward. His widow survived until 1856 and perhaps it was through her thrift and industry that the farm continued the property of the family. As evidence of her frugal housekeeping, her descendants preserve several implements that she used in weaving cloth from flax and wool. She was the mother of seven sons and six daughters and one of the latter survives in the person of Mrs. Emma Trimble, widow of William Trimble. She has long since passed her four-score and ten years and owns and lives on the old homestead in Liberty township.

Aaron Decker, father of John B. Decker, was born at Paterson, N. J., but was reared in Crawford county where he helped his mother on the farm for a time and then learned the carpenter trade, after which he located in Whetstone township. He was a skilled workman and accumulated capital which he invested in land and thus acquired 430 acres which he put under a fine state of cultivation, devoting his personal attention to it after middle life. His death occurred on his large farm, July 17, 1887. In politics he was a staunch Republican and gave active support to the candidates of that party. He married Nancy Bishop, who was born in Ashland county, O., in 1826, and died July 29, 1911, being then within six weeks of her 86th birthday. Both Aaron Decker and wife were members of the English Lutheran church. They were unpretentious, virtuous and worthy people who faced every situation that life presented to them, with an abiding faith that all was for the best. Four children were born to them, namely: Melvina, who is the widow of E. L. Swonger, and who now resides in Arkansas and has eleven children; Elizabeth, who is the wife of David Eickelberger, residing on a farm in Sandusky township, and has three sons and three daughters; James, a farmer living and owning a part of the old estate of his father in Whetstone township, who married Alice Briggs and has one daughter; and John B., of Bucyrus.

John B. Decker obtained his schooling in Whetstone township and afterward engaged in farming on the home place and later on a farm given him by his father. That property he subsequently sold and bought 120 acres in Liberty township, on which he resided until 1891, when he moved to Bucyrus, where he served some years as superintendent of streets but is now entirely retired from both business and office. In politics he is a Republican.

Mr. Decker was married in Holmes township, Crawford county, to Miss Mary Steifel, who was born in Huron county, O., April 1, 1853, and was seven years old when she accompanied her parents to Crawford county. They were Dr. John and Catherine (Brubach) Steifel, natives of Fryeburg, Baden, Germany, where they were reared and well educated and subsequently married. Fully 63 years ago, Dr. Steifel, wife and one child Louis Philip, left Germany on a sailing vessel and after a voyage of three months, reached the United States in safety. He had been educated as a physician but after reaching America he endeavored for a few years to become a successful farmer. In this profession he was scarcely successful for it requires training and knowledge just as surely as do other professions. Dr. Steifel then moved to Crawford county and for some time engaged in the practice of medicine in Holmes township, after which he came to Bucyrus and here became a well known practitioner of medicine. He died March 17, 1903, being then 78 years of age, having survived his wife since March, 1901. She was within one month of being 76 years old. They were active and liberal members of the German Lutheran church and were examples of the sure reward in love, respect and esteem, that is given to those who live worthily and estimable lives, marked with usefulness and unselfishness. They had nine children and six of these live in Ohio.

Five children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Decker, as follows: George E., a railroad man, who lives at Enid, Okla., and who married Emma Heinlen; Clara A., a graduate of the Bucyrus High School in the class of 1897, who married H. C. Field, of this city, and has two sons—James Edward, born June 20, 1901, and Robert Eugene, born Feb. 18, 1910; W.

Ernest, who manages and operates his father's farm in Liberty township, who married Florence F. Heit; and Lewis Leroy, who resides at home and is in the employ of the Bell Telephone Company. Mr. Decker and family are all connected with the Lutheran church.

Harry Wayne Decker, a son of John B., was born Aug. 29, 1888 and died in February, 1891.

JAMES FREER,* who is an engineer with the great Erie Railway system, an experienced man in this exceedingly responsible position, and well known in railroad circles all through this section, was born at Dundee, Scotland, in March, 1856, a son of Robert and Elizabeth (Hunt) Freer.

Robert Freer and wife were born in Scotland and in 1870 the family came to America and settled at Kent, in Portage county, O., where Mr. Freer became connected with the Erie Railway and continued with that corporation for many years. Later in life he retired to a small farm near Kent and there his death occurred in 1902, when he was aged eighty years, having survived his wife, who died in her fifty-fourth year. They were good people, faithful members of the Wesleyan Methodist church. They were parents of a large family but only three survive, namely: James; Isabel, who is the wife of Charles Brown, who is a resident of Kent, O., and they have one daughter, Maybell; and Anna, who is the wife of James Bradley, residing at New Castle, Pa., and has one son, Paul, and a daughter, Bessie.

James Freer was fourteen years of age when the family came to the United States and shortly afterward he entered the employ of the Erie Railway Company with which he has remained ever since. In 1892 he came to Galion where he has since resided and is a valued citizen here. Mr. Freer has been an engineer with the above company since 1885 and it is a tribute to his carefulness and resourcefulness that he has avoided accidents, never having had a serious one and seldom having been brought face to face with a dangerous situation from which his quick judgment and ready action have not sufficed to extricate him and safeguard the lives and property committed to his charge.

At Akron, Ohio, Mr. Freer was married to Miss Minnie Coffey, who was born at Greenville, Pa., a daughter of Patrick and Ellen (Connors) Coffey. The parents of Mrs. Freer were born in Ireland and came when young to the United States and settled at Greenville, Pa. Mr. Coffey was a shoemaker and followed his trade at Greenville and Akron until 1902, when he came to spend his declining years with his daughter, Mrs. Freer. He died at Galion, in February, 1910, when aged seventy years. The mother of Mrs. Freer survives and is a beloved member of the latter's household. There were seven children born to Mr. and Mrs. Coffey, Mrs. Freer being the only survivor. Two sons died from accident: Frank, from inhaling gas, and Edward, who was killed while performing his duties as brakeman on the Erie Railroad, at Girard, O. Both left widows and children who live at Akron, O.

Mr. and Mrs. Freer have three daughters: Nellie J., Isabel B. and Jean. Nellie J. Freer, born Jan. 3, 1893, graduated from the Galion High School in the class of 1910 and then entered Meadville College, at Meadville, Pa., as a member of the class of 1914. Isabel B. Freer was born March 22, 1894, and was graduated from the Galion High School in the class of 1911. She now occupies a position in the office of Mr. Gunther, who is superintendent of the public schools. Jean Freer was born Nov. 29, 1897 and is a student in the Galion High School. The family belongs to the Presbyterian church. Mr. Freer belongs to Rockton Lodge No. 316, F. & A. M. at Kent, O. and to the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, while Mrs. Freer is a member of the latter's auxiliary order and of the Eastern Star.

WILLIAM HENRY GEISSMAN, who in the fall of 1911, entered the service of the U. S. Government as a mail carrier, working from Chatfield, O., is a well known and substantial citizen of Crawford county, O. He was born in Chatfield township, Crawford county, O., June 14, 1860, and is a son of S. W. and a grandson of Christian William Geissman.

Christian William Geissman was born in Saxony, Germany, attended the old time Ger-

man schools and learned the blacksmith's trade. He was married there and with his wife Sophia and his two sons, S. W. and Charles, emigrated to America in 1852 and subsequently—in 1854—settled in the southern part of Chatfield township, Crawford county, O. There he bought sixty acres of land on which the family lived for some years, when he sold and moved to another place situated one and a half miles south of the village of Chatfield. He and wife spent their closing years of life with a son, S. W. Geissman, where the latter died at the age of 75 years, he surviving to be 82 years of age. They attended the Lutheran church and her burial was in the old Lutheran cemetery.

S. W. Geissman was eighteen years of age when the family came to America. He assisted in his father's blacksmith shop and then learned the cooper's trade, at Bucyrus, O., and later engaged in farming, now being retired but still owning a 60-acre farm. He is a Democrat in politics and formerly served as a member of the board of township trustees. He married Caroline Baldosser, who was born at Pittsburg, Pa., a daughter of Christian Baldosser, and the following children were born to them, all in Chatfield township: W. H.; Matilda, who died at the age of twelve years; Charles F., who married Sophia Lenstoll, and has five children—Leo, Reuben, Milo, Daniel and Frederick; Lewis, who died when two years old; Gustave, who died when aged twenty-eight years; Emma, Annie, who is the wife of William Hoffsis, and has four children; Clara, who is the wife of Christian Leutholt, and has eight children; Edward, who married Edna Bacon, and has five children—Marcella, William, Milton, Ethel and Robert; Minnie, who is the wife of Clarence C. Margraff, and has four children; Albert, who makes his home in Portland, Ore.; Callie, who lives at home; and an infant daughter, deceased. The mother of the above children died in 1900, aged fifty-nine years.

William H. Geissman obtained his education in the public schools and chose farming as his business. He was married to Mary A. Seimenstoll in 1881. After marriage he resided for one year in Holmes township and for nine years in Chatfield township, moving then to his farm of 114 acres, south of New

Washington, where he resided until the fall of 1910. He then rented his farm in Cranberry township and retired to Chatfield, one year later accepting his present position. He owns also twenty acres in Auburn township. His first wife died in 1904, at the age of forty-one years, the mother of the following children: John E., Bertha Louisa, Lizzie Matilda, Washington Irving, Lillie Alvina, May Ruth, and two now deceased. He was married secondly to Mrs. Rose Klink, widow of Daniel Klink. Mr. Geissman has always been a Democrat in politics. He is a member and liberal supporter of the Pietisten church, located two and a half miles south of Chatfield.

LOUIS H. SUTTER,* who is engaged in the plumbing business at Crestline, O., with quarters at No. 141 Seltzer street, is an expert workman along a line that is one of the most useful and necessary factors in all modern building. Mr. Sutter was born near Crestline, in Jefferson township, Crawford county, O., in March, 1879, and is a son of Henry and Matilda (Bigland) Sutter.

Henry Sutter was born and reared near Sutter Hill, in Richland county, O., where several families of the name settled when the country was yet wild, sometime in the thirties. The older members died there while some of the younger ones established homes in other sections, Grandfather Henry Sutter coming to Crawford county and locating in what was then Vernon township, and there spent the rest of his life, he and wife dying when aged people. Henry Sutter married Matilda Bigland and they survive and reside on Mr. Sutter's fine farm situated in Jackson township. They are members of the Settlement Roman Catholic Church, of the same faith as their parents. Of their eleven children all survive except one, who had been born a twin. Of the ten survivors all have reached maturity, Louis H. being the eldest, and three have married and have families of their own.

Louis H. Sutter secured his education in the public schools near his father's farm and afterward learned his trade at Crestline and at Mansfield, for a number of years afterward working as a journeyman. Since 1909 he has been in business for himself and has a well

equipped shop and does plumbing and installs heating and lighting apparatus under contract for the best builders in this city. He is known to be an honest, experienced and capable workman.

Mr. Sutter was married at Bucyrus, O., to Miss Anna Fisher, who was born at Kirby, O., but later accompanied her parents to Bucyrus, where they still reside. Mr. and Mrs. Sutter have one daughter, Dorothy Marie, who was born July 15, 1911. Mr. and Mrs. Sutter are members of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church at Crestline. In his political views, Mr. Sutter is a Democrat.

WILLIAM R. CUNNINGHAM,* superintendent and master mechanic for the American Clay Machinery Company of Bucyrus, O., is one of the clearheaded; rapid-thinking men demanded by modern industries in their responsible offices, and his years of experience have amply qualified him for his present work. He was born at Lafayette, Ind., in January, 1854.

Although not so many years have passed since Mr. Cunningham was a small boy selling papers on the railroad train between Lafayette and Fort Wayne, Ind., carrying water and wood and running errands for passengers and train men, it seems far back in the light of improvements along every line of industry and the strides made by Mr. Cunningham along his path of self imposed toil until the present time when he finds himself the right hand man in one of the largest industries in the state of Ohio. He was only ten years old when he began to work in a woolen-mill and later was employed in a box factory and also in a printing office and he probably faced every problem that comes to a boy dependent upon himself at a tender age. While he had thus tried different lines of work as circumstances guided him, he had a natural aptness for mechanics, together with an ambition to improve himself and it was fortunate that about the time of making a choice of life work that he met a man who sympathized with him and was able to give him judicious advice. This was John Black, who was a master mechanic, a native of Lima, O. Following the advice of this friend, Mr. Cunningham bought such books as he could afford and studied the tech-

nical points of mechanics while he learned practical details in the Union Machine Works, at Lafayette, where he became an apprentice in 1869 and remained connected more or less with these works until 1886. In the meanwhile, from 1875 until 1878 he was superintendent of the foundry of John Barret, of Lafayette and also was at the head of the city fire department and also had worked in a foundry both at Lima and Dayton, O. For fourteen years before coming to Bucyrus and accepting his present position, he had been with the Wallace Manufacturing Company of Frankford, Ind.

Mr. Cunningham became superintendent of the American Clay Machinery Company in May, 1900, and here, as in every other position he had filled, he has rendered satisfactory service. He enjoys not only the confidence of his employers but also the respect and esteem of the workmen he has in charge, his manner with the latter not being that of a hard taskmaster but of a firm manager who thoroughly understands all industrial conditions and demands only what is just both to the firm and the employes. This has resulted in quiet and contentment with no interruption of business.

Mr. Cunningham was married at Lafayette, Ind., to Miss Priscilla E. Moore, who died in 1903, survived by three children: Arthur F., who resides in California where he is manager of a brick plant, married a lady there and has two children; M. Elizabeth, who resides with her father; and Auburn S., who is at the head of one of the departments of the American Clay Machinery Company and married a daughter of John H. Meyers, of Bucyrus. Miss Cunningham is a member of the Presbyterian church. Politically Mr. Cunningham is a Republican. Fraternally he is an Odd Fellow, Elk and Mason, having been admitted to the Scottish rites in the Masonic order at Indianapolis.

ISAAC W. SMITH, a retired farmer residing in Galion, O., was born in Broomfield township, Perry county, Pa., Oct. 1, 1834. His parents were Christian and Nancy (Kirkpatrick) Smith, both natives of Pennsylvania, and he is a grandson of John Jacob Smith, who was born in Germany, July 25, 1767. The given names of the latter's wife was Mary

E., but her family name has not been ascertained. She was born May 14, 1765 and in her native Germany was married to John Jacob Smith. Sometime before the beginning of the nineteenth century they came to the United States settling in Perry county, Pa. on a farm, where they resided until they both died, each at an advanced age. They belonged to the German Reformed church. They had eight children—Catherine E., Jacob, Christian, George, Mary E., Daniel, Henry and Joseph—all of whom grew up, were married and had families, and all are now deceased.

Christian Smith, father of the subject of this sketch, was born in Perry county, Pa., April 29, 1801. He grew up in his native county and there married Nancy Kirkpatrick, who was born in that locality Oct. 1, 1806, and who died Oct. 27, 1860. He died in Jefferson township, Crawford county, O., Dec. 29, 1871, when in his 71st year. They were substantial people, and were consistent Christians, belonging to the Presbyterian church. He was a Whig and later a Republican in politics. Christian and Nancy Smith were the parents of nine children, whose record in brief is as follows: Anna married William Osborn and had five children. Catherine, now deceased, married George Hiltner and had children. Isaac W. is the direct usbject of this sketch. Richard B. married Jane Brokaw and both are now deceased; they left children. Ellen J. married Harvey Brokaw and died, leaving issue; her husband is also deceased. Wilmina married William McKain and both are now deceased; they left children. Amelia Jane, a twin sister of Wilmina, became the wife of James B. Murray and both died, leaving no issue. Hiram F. is a well to do business man, residing in North Robinson, this county. He married Harriet Slatterbeck and they have a family. Edwin G., the ninth member of the family, is a business man in North Robinson. He married Alice Major and they have children.

Isaac W. Smith grew up on the farm, but from 1862 to 1874 was associated with his brother Richard B. in a mercantile business at Leesville, this county. In the year last mentioned he purchased 100 acres of fine land in Jefferson township, which he still owns, and on which he resided until 1888, in which year

he went into business at North Robinson, where he remained thus engaged for 15 years, meeting with fine success. He then retired and took up his residence at No. 229 Erie street, Galion. In 1873 he was commissioned by Gov. Edward F. Noyes, as a justice of the peace, but held office only one term.

Mr. Smith was married in Galion, O., June 29, 1862, to Susanna Sechrist, who was born in Franklin county, Pa., March 27, 1844, a daughter of George and Mary A. (Jackson) Sechrist. Her parents, natives of Pennsylvania, came to Ohio and located in Wayne county on a farm when she was only six months old. Mr. Sechrist, who was born in Franklin county, Pa., Sept. 19, 1808, met his death suddenly in 1848, being killed by a runaway team. After his death his widow married for her second husband, Dr. Jacob Schaffer, of which union there was a son, Alonzo E., born, who is now deceased. Dr. Schaffer dying, his widow married for her third husband Peter Snyder, by whom she had no children. She died in North Robinson, O. (Crawford county) Nov. 8, 1902 at the age of 85 years, having been born in Washington county, Md., Aug. 23, 1817. She was a member of the United Brethren church.

Mr. and Mrs. Isaac W. Smith have been the parents of twelve children, as follows: (1) Mary M., born in Crawford county, O., married Truman Morrow and lives on a farm near Leesville. She has three children—Roy, Clifton and Hazel. (2) William S., resides on the homestead. He married Alice Rhinehard and they have two children—Glenn and Wayne. (3) Alverta A. married James Morton, a merchant of North Robinson, and has two children—Orpha and Lelia. (4) Luna P. died at the age of fifteen months. (5) Della L. is the wife of William Kibler, a Crawford county farmer; her children are Ralph, Harold and Louis. (6) Edith G. married Harry Knell, a farmer in Whetstone township; has four children—Lorin, Edwin, Myron and Mildred. (7) Alice M. is the wife of Dr. J. B. Kring of Calidonia; no issue. (8) Pearl married Luther Ness; they reside in Galion and have a daughter, Alice L. (9) R. Kelley is a merchant in North Robinson; married Daisy Shank and has two children—Linden Arthur and Donna. (10) Leslie M.

married Tacy Gladdle, and they live on a farm in Jefferson township; no issue. (11) Harrison G. is a merchant at North Robinson; married Retta Ehrickson and they have a son, Norwood. (12) Bessie N. is the wife of Robert Bogan, assistant cashier of the Citizens National Bank of Galion, in which place they live. The mature members of the Smith family are all connected with the United Brethren church, in which Mr. Isaac W. Smith is an official. He is a Republican politically and is a sterling citizen, widely known and respected.

EPHRAIM H. BAKER,* who is one of the best known residents of Auburn township, Crawford county, O., a retired farmer owning 96 acres situated in section 5, was born in this township, three quarters of a mile south of his present farm, Jan. 22, 1839, a son of Enoch and Sarah (Hutchinson) Baker.

Enoch Baker was of Scotch-Irish ancestry and Virginia parentage and in early manhood came to Crawford from Licking county, O. Here he married Sarah Hutchinson, a native of Virginia, and they had eight children, the three survivors being: Mrs. Phebe Grafmiller, who lives in Auburn township; John, who is a resident of Shelby, O.; and Ephraim H. Enoch Baker entered eighty acres of land in Auburn township, on which he lived for many years. He then sold and moved first to Richland and later to Knox county, where his death occurred when he was aged ninety years, his burial being in Auburn township, by the side of his wife, who died in 1850. They were members of the Methodist Protestant church.

Ephraim H. Baker attended the district school in boyhood and remained at home with his father until the outbreak of the Civil War, when he enlisted for service in the Union Army, entering Co. C, 101st O. Vol. Inf., in which he served faithfully for three years and received an honorable discharge. He returned then to Crawford county and resumed farming in Auburn township and shortly afterward was married to Miss Averta Osburn, a native of Van Wert county, O., and since then has lived on his present farm. He continued to actively superintend the work until 1906, since which time he has been retired. His land is well drained by a ditch which was started by his father, who finished it in one season,

with the help of one hired man, a pretty big undertaking when it is remembered that this ditch is 12 feet wide, 6 feet deep and a mile in length and now is a part of Honey Creek. This farm lies one and one-half miles north and five miles east of New Washington and thus both country and town life can be enjoyed by Mr. Baker and family.

To Mr. Baker's first marriage the following children were born: Margaret, who is the wife of Wentz Becker, of Auburn township; Annie, who is the wife of William Robinson, of Cranberry township; Mary, who lives at home; Elda, who is the wife of Andrew Wenslick, of Plymouth, O.; and an infant son, deceased. Mr. Baker's second marriage was to Miss Elvira Hills and they have had three children: Irene, who is the wife of William Fourquer, of Richland county, O.; Carney, who died at the age of eighteen months; and Ross E., who lives in British Columbia. Mr. Baker casts his vote with the Republican party.

JOHN GOLDEN BARNEY,* now a prominent and honored retired citizen of Crestline, O., for many years was active both in business and in public matters in this section of the state. He was born in the village of Clyde, near Galen, N. Y., Oct. 6, 1833, a grandson of a Revolutionary patriot and of Irish-Welsh ancestry.

William Barney, grandfather of John G. Barney of Crestline, was born in New Hampshire. He served as a private soldier in the beginning of the Revolutionary struggle, took part in the battle of Concord and continued until the termination of the war, receiving wounds at the battle of Cowpens. After peace was declared he lived in New Jersey, later in New York and in his 82nd year died at Galen, N. Y., April 20, 1839. He was one of the early members of the religious denomination known as the Free Will Baptists. William Barney married Ruth Golden, who was a granddaughter of Governor Slade, of New Hampshire, and died at Galen, N. Y., in 1836, at the age of 65 years. They had the following children: Jacob, Nathan, Benjamin, Moses, John and Deborah, all of whom, with the exception of John, who served in the War of 1812 and died from sickness then contracted, married and reared families of their own.

Moses Barney, son of William and father of John G. Barney, was born Feb. 1, 1795, in Cattaraugus county, N. Y. During the War of 1812 he belonged to the reserved military force but saw little of active service, being only once called out, and then returned to the activities of his farm, situated near Galen, N. Y. His accidental death occurred ten days before that of his aged father, when he was 44 years old. In politics he was a Whig and for many years he was a deacon in his church. At Galen, N. Y., he married Matilda Powers, who was born in Herkimer county, N. Y., and died at Cooperstown, when aged 78 years. They had the following sons and daughters born to them: Clarissa, who died in 1904, who was the wife of John Hines also deceased, and is survived by one son; Eliza, who died in 1907, who married Nelson Rase and is survived by one son and four daughters; William, who died at the age of 18 years; Benjamin, who died in infancy; Lavina, who was the wife of Burton Banhan, also deceased, and left two sons; and John G., subject of this article.

John Golden Barney lost his father when he was five and one-half years old. He obtained a district school education and then applied himself to farm work until 1858, when he came to Ohio. For a number of years afterward he was associated with V. L. Marshall in the fruit juice trade, with headquarters at Mansfield, Mr. Barney maintaining his residence until 1868, at Butler and Bellville, at that time coming to Crestline. For some years afterward he was engaged here as a merchant and then turned his attention to fire insurance and real estate and continued active in these fields until 1908, in which year he retired from business. Prior to coming to Crestline, however, Mr. Barney had been a very prominent citizen of Bellville, an ardent Republican, a delegate to all important conventions, a justice of the peace for three terms and mayor of that city for one term.

In August, 1862, Mr. Barney enlisted for service in the Civil War, and as he had already established a record as a marksman, he was assigned a branch of the Sharpshooters under command of Capt. Pierce, in the 116th N. Y. Vol. Inf. Shortly afterward he was detailed as a recruiting officer. On Feb. 14, 1864, he reenlisted, entering Co. A, 187th O. Vol. Inf.,

under Capt. W. W. Copley, and two days later was sent to the front, having been made orderly sergeant. At Dalton, Ga., he was promoted to be sergeant-major and two months later was commissioned second lieutenant of Co. I, and afterward was made first lieutenant of Co. D, and continued with that rank until the close of the war, when he was appointed commissioner of the Freedmen's Bureau, succeeding General Wilder. Mr. Barney continued in that difficult position until January 29, 1866, having had 29 counties under his jurisdiction. Mr. Barney was an enthusiastic supporter of Abraham Lincoln in 1860 and stumped the state, making his maiden political speech at Bellville. Since coming to Crestline he has continued his activity in public affairs and served as postmaster under the administration of President Harrison and until recent years has been active in party councils.

Mr. Barney was married in Schoharie county, N. Y., to Miss Elizabeth Clemens, who was born there March 29, 1830, of an old Presbyterian family. Mrs. Barney died at her home in Crestline, Aug. 22, 1887. She was a highly educated, cultured and refined lady, was a graduate of the State Normal School at Albany, N. Y., in the class of 1850, and possessed a life certificate as a teacher. Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Barney: William, who died in infancy; and Emma F., who is the wife of Dr. W. P. Bennett, a well known physician and surgeon at Crestline. They have one son, John B., who after graduating from the Crestline High School, went into business in New York City, where he married and has one daughter. Since 1865 Mr. Barney has been a member of the Presbyterian church.

DAVID MACKEY, who was for many years up to the time of his death, Dec. 11, 1906, one of the most prominent citizens of Galion, O., was born in Franklin county, Pa., April 3, 1835, a son of William and Katharine (Leonard) Mackey. William Mackey, the father of our subject, was of Scotch parentage; his wife, the latter's mother, was of English ancestry. They were married in Pennsylvania, and Mrs. Katharine Mackey died there when her son David was about three years old. A few years later William

Mackey, with his small family, removed to Zanesville, Ohio, where for some time he was engaged in business as a builder and contractor. He later returned to his old home in Pennsylvania and was there married to his second wife, Rose Ann Gingerly, whose father was a prosperous miller. Accompanied by her, William Mackey then returned to Zanesville and continued in business there as a contractor and builder until his two sons by his first wife—James and David—were grown to manhood. Then, not long before the Civil War, they came to Galion and established a prosperous business here as contractors and builders, being kept pretty busy most of the time. William, the father, died here at the age of 84 years, a well known and much respected citizen. His second wife had passed away some years before when not so old. They were both members of the English Lutheran church, were prominent in the work of the church and supporters of many worthy enterprises. In politics he was a Democrat.

The two sons, James and David, after the death of their father, which occurred in August, 1887, continued the business and were thus associated together until the death of James in 1890, after which it was continued by David alone. The latter, in addition to his other activities, also became president of the Galion Lumber Company, a flourishing concern, and held this position at the time of his death. He had then for years been one of the most prominent citizens of Galion and was as highly esteemed as he was widely known. He built and owned the Mackey block on South Market street, the City National Bank building, the Commercial and Savings Bank building, besides other business blocks and many fine residences. He was also largely influential in bringing various important industrial enterprises to the city or in causing them to locate here, and was a large property owner. An active Republican in politics, he served conscientiously and ably on the city council. He was also a director of the old Galion National Bank. To sum up, it may be said that he was the type of man that is a help and inspiration to any community in which he may reside and in his death the city of Galion suffered a loss not easily made good.

David Mackey was married in Galion to

Miss Sarah Traul, who was born in New Philadelphia, Ohio about 1837 and who, at the age of three years came with her parents to Galion, O., where she has since resided, having witnessed the growth of the city to its present size and prosperity. Her parents were Conrad and Rachel (Knisely) Traul, both natives of Pennsylvania and of German ancestry. Her mother was a daughter of Abraham Knisely, who came at an early day to Ohio and purchased a farm on what is now the site of the thriving city of New Philadelphia, which he originally laid out. There he and his wife lived for many years and many of their descendants are now scattered throughout Tuscarawas county and the vicinity.

Conrad Traul, Mrs. Mackey's father, on coming to Galion established the first tannery here and conducted it until his death at the age of 47 years. His widow subsequently married George Money Smith and died in 1888, when 89 years of age. She left no issue. They were members of the English Lutheran church. Mrs. Mackey was one of eleven children—four sons and three daughters yet living, all of whom are married and have issue. She, herself is the mother of two daughters, Martha and Sarah. Martha is the widow of Homer Reisinger, D.D.S., who was a son of Dr. Reisinger, a well known Galion physician. Homer Reisinger died in early manhood, leaving two children—Elton, who is now a salesman in the employ of the Cleveland Lumber Co., and Bertha, who is married and lives in Galion. Sarah, Mrs. Mackey's other daughter, like her sister, graduated from the city high school and completed her literary education in the North Ohio University at Delaware, O. She is the wife of Harry A. Pounder, who was born in England, and who is now manager of the Galion Lumber Co. They have two sons, Reuben and Donald, the former of whom is a graduate of the Galion High School, class of 1908. Mrs. Mackey and her family are all members of the Presbyterian church.

HARRY A. POUNDER, manager of the Galion Lumber Company, is a well known and enterprising citizen of Galion, O. He was born in Staffordshire, England in 1862, being the scion of a good family, with a long line of worthy ancestors. He was educated in the

public schools of Hull in his native country and was later graduated from the Technical department of the Government schools in that city as a marine engineer. Afterwards he worked under his father, Edward Pounder, who was manager of the Earl Shipbuilding and Engineers Company, of Hull. Subsequent to this he entered the employ of the Portugese Government as an expert marine engineer, was made a subject of that country and was sent to Africa, where he was engaged for some time in the exercise of his profession. He then returned to England and in 1883 came to the United States, locating in Buffalo, N. Y., where as an expert engineer, he was employed by the Atlantic & Western (now the Erie) Railway Co., and remained with them four and a half years. He then took charge of the engineer's department of the Cleveland (O.) Forge & City Iron Co. In 1890 he became vice president of the Galion Lumber Co., in 1890 he became vice-president of the Galion Lumber Co., in which position he has shown marked business ability. He has been especially active in locating enterprises to help build up the city. He was one of the chief promoters and organizers of the Commercial Club (the leading and most active business men's association of the city) and has since served as a director and in other official capacities, being chairman of one of the active committees. He is a prominent member of the Masonic order and of the Knights of Pythias. Mr. Pounder married Miss Sarah Mackey, daughter of David and Sarah (Traul) Mackey, of Galion, O., and they have two sons, Reuben and Donald, the former of whom is, as elsewhere stated, a graduate of the Galion high school.

SAMUEL W. NUNGESSER,* a leading citizen of Jefferson township, Crawford county, O., a prominent Democrat who is at present serving in the office of township assessor, owns property at Crestline but carries on farming on a 40-acre tract which belongs to his mother. He was born in Polk township, Crawford county, June 16, 1861, and is a son of Christian and Elizabeth (Morkel) Nungesser.

Both parents of Mr. Nungesser were born in Germany where their families were neigh-



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bors. They were five years old when their parents came to America on the same boat, settled near each other in Pennsylvania for five years and then came together to Crawford county, and here Christian Nungesser and Elizabeth Morkel were married. He learned the shoemaking trade but later engaged in farming in Polk township, where he died in September, 1902. His widow still lives on the old homestead and in September, 1912, will see her 84th birthday. She is widely known and is much beloved by family and friends. The following children were born to Christian Nungesser and wife: Mary Ann, who is the wife of Samuel Beach; Lucinda, who was the wife of William Freeze; Sarah, deceased, who was the wife of Daniel Waterbeck; Samuel W.; and Albert, Christian, John, Emma and Henry. The parents of this family reared their children according to the German Lutheran faith.

Samuel W. Nungesser attended the public schools with his brothers and sisters and has devoted himself mainly to agricultural pursuits. He gives considerable attention to market gardening and poultry raising, favoring the Black Orpington strain, and finds a ready market both at Crestline and Bucyrus. As an active member of the Democratic party, Mr. Nungesser has become well and favorably known all over the county, has served in all the minor township offices and at present is township assessor, in which office he served continuously for five years, on a former occasion. Mr. Nungesser is a member of the Crawford County Democratic Central Committee.

In 1885 Mr. Nungesser was married to Miss Jennie Schaad, who was born in Crawford county, O., a daughter of John and Margaret (Uhl) Schaad. The father of Mr. Nungesser was an undertaker and cabinetmaker at Leesville, O., where his death occurred. The mother, now in her 86th year, lives at Delaware, O. They had the following children: Benjamin, Brice, John, George, Lewis and Edward; Catherine, wife of Albert Graham; Savilla, wife of John Buchanon; Elizabeth, wife of William Radford; Rosa, wife of Lewis Hurr; Jennie; and Emma, wife of William Price. Mr. and Mrs. Nungesser have four children, namely: Ralph; Bessie, who

married Frank Bogan, and has one son, Ralph; Hazel, who is the wife of Delbert Plotner; and Edna. Mr. Nungesser and family attend the English Lutheran church at North Robinson. For six years, in addition to his other public duties, Mr. Nungesser served as one of the board of directors of the Crawford County Infirmary and during all that time was secretary of the board, with the exception of a few months. He belongs to the M. W. A., at Galion, the Eagles, also at Galion, and the Elks at Bucyrus.

EPHRAIM B. MONNETT, for many years one of the active business men of Bucyrus, O., traces his ancestry back to French emigrants who landed in the American colonies prior to the Revolutionary War. He was born March 21, 1837, in an old log cabin, in Scott township, Marion county, O., the family having been established in this state by his grandfather, who was a pioneer preacher of the Methodist faith.

Rev. Jeremiah Crabb Monnett was born in Maryland. His religious activities covered sections in many states, including Virginia, Maryland and Ohio, and in very early days he traveled to points then regarded as frontier posts. From Pickaway county, O., he came to Crawford county and here continued his ministerial work into old age. He married Aley E. Slagle, who was born in Ireland and was brought to this country in youth. She was reared a Roman Catholic but later joined the religious body with which her husband was always connected. She was a woman of force of character and her descendants show many of her admirable characteristics.

Abraham Monnett, son of Rev. Jeremiah and father of Ephraim B. Monnett, was born in Maryland, Oct. 12, 1811, and was one of a family of 14 children. After coming to manhood he traded a wagon and horse and \$40 for a tract of 160 acres of land, subsequently purchased 80 acres more, and kept adding to his land until at his death he was the owner of 4400 acres in Marion and Crawford counties. He first moved into a primitive log cabin, which stood on his place, but later built a larger and more comfortable house and otherwise improved his property, on which he lived until he retired from active life, moving

then to Bucyrus. Here he died in 1887, respected and esteemed by all who knew him and leaving behind him the record of a blameless life. In his early years he was a Whig and later affiliated with the Republican party. He refused public office but his advice was frequently asked and his judgment relied on in matters concerning the public welfare. He was a constant and liberal contributor to the Methodist church. Abraham Monnett married Catherine Braucher, who was born near Circleville in 1815 and died in 1875. Twelve children were born to this happy union, all of whom survive except three—Oliver, John and Mrs. Mary Hall. The others are married and have children.

Ephraim B. Monnett is the eldest of his parents' family. He had admirable home surroundings which tended to the development of character. His first employment as a boy was to pen up his father's sheep to protect them from the wolves, the woods at that time being filled with wild game and Indians. While his educational opportunities were somewhat limited, on account of lack of early school privileges, his life has associated him with developing events and wide awake people and he is a man of well rounded knowledge. In early manhood he assisted his father in the latter's business of shipping cattle and he became one of the largest shippers of livestock in the county. He has been prominently identified also with financial institutions for many years and through his business foresight and excellent judgment, has been one of the main organizers of at least two successful banking concerns in Crawford county and one in Marion county. He was one of the founders and for many years was vice president of the Caledonia Bank, helped to organize the Bucyrus City Bank, of which he was president for seven years, and also is identified with the Second National Bank of Bucyrus, of which he has been a director for 22 years. He has always been credited with being a shrewd business man, but his integrity has never been questioned and he takes pride in the fact that notwithstanding his large volume of business dealing, he has never had a law suit brought against him, nor did he ever consent to bring one against any debtor. Politically a Republican, he held many of the local offices while

living in Dallas township and in the execution of public business he showed the same fidelity and efficiency that he displayed in his own.

Mr. Monnett was married first in 1859, at Bucyrus, to Miss Ellen C. Barton, who was born at Pittsburg, Pa., July 6, 1840, and died Jan. 13, 1888. She was a daughter of William and Esther (Booklacker) Barton. She was survived by five children, namely: Richard O. and Clarence D., who died young; Ephraim Guy, who died when aged twenty-two years; William A. who died March 7, 1910, and is survived by his widow and one daughter, Edna G., who are residents of Monnett Station; and Annetta G., who is a resident of Cardington, O. Mr. Monnett's second marriage was to Miss Cornelia Yost, who was born Oct. 8, 1852, a daughter of Jeremiah N. and Elizabeth (Woodside) Yost, natives of Dauphin county, Pa., who came early to Bucyrus. The father was a saddler and was a highly respected citizen. His death occurred March 4, 1908, he having lived to the rather unusual age of ninety years. He was a Methodist in religious faith, while his wife was a Lutheran. The latter died in January, 1892, aged about sixty-four years. Mr. and Mrs. Monnett have one daughter, Nellie Lorie, who was born Dec. 19, 1892. She is a bright, engaging young lady and a favorite in her class in the High School, where she will be graduated in 1913. With her parents she belongs to the Methodist Episcopal church, of which her father has been a trustee since 1882. The family home is a hospitable one and its members enjoy much of the quiet, social life of the city.

PETER DRUMM,* one of Crestline's capitalists and representative citizens, was born in Summit county, O., in 1850 but has been a resident of this city since boyhood. He came of German and French ancestry, for over 200 years his forefathers living on the same estates in Alsace-Lorraine, where his parents, Peter and Magdalena (Babst) Drumm were born and married.

In the early forties the parents of Mr. Drumm came on a sailing vessel to the United States and settled in Summit county, O., where the father first followed his trade of

cabinetmaker and later was connected with the car building department of the Pennsylvania Railway Company, and in this relation came to Crestline, where he lived some 40 years, his death occurring Dec. 2, 1905, when he had passed his 90th birthday, having survived his wife since Dec. 11, 1887, she being then aged 67 years. They were members of the German Reformed church. Of their four children, three grew to mature years and two survive: Peter and Lena, who reside together, neither having married.

Peter Drumm, Jr., was young when his parents came to Crestline, where he attended school and later learned the art of photography and for many years conducted a studio in this city but retiring from business to a large degree fully 20 years ago. His time is fully occupied in looking after his large property interests, he being one of the heavy tax payers of the city. In politics a staunch Democrat, he has been active in party matters and has been loyal in his support of party measures and candidates.

J. O. HARER, whose valuable farm of 154 acres is situated in section 25, Cranberry township, Crawford county, O., was born in Holmes township, Crawford county, July 14, 1878, a son of Caleb and Mary Harer, whom he accompanied, when six years old, to Lykens township where they still live.

J. O. Harer remained at home and gave his father assistance until he was twenty-three years of age, in the meanwhile doing contract work on the turnpikes in the township, after which he was in the livery business at New Washington for five years. He then sold his stables and went more largely in the horse business, buying and selling, in which he is yet interested. In 1909 he bought his present farm, on which he has resided since his marriage, all of which is well tiled, and all but one acre, still in woodland, is under cultivation.

Mr Harer married Miss Bertha Geissman, a daughter of Henry and Mary Geissman, of Cranberry township, and they have two children, Lulu May and Herbert. In politics Mr. Harer is a Democrat but has too many business interests to make him a seeker for office. He belongs to the Knights of Pythias and to

the Cranberry Township Grange, taking much interest in these organizations.

JOHN ROBERTS,* deceased. Among the old and substantial families of English extraction who have assisted in the developing of many of the interests of Ohio, may be mentioned that of Roberts, and the pioneer of this family in Crawford county was John Roberts, a man of broad mind, enterprising spirit and financial independence. He was born in Lycoming county, Pa., April 7, 1805, and died near Bucyrus, O., in 1884. His father, George W. Roberts, was of English birth and was in early manhood when he came to Lycoming county, Pa., in 1800. He was a fine specimen of physical manhood, a fact to be noted as his descendants inherited, with many of his worthy qualities, his noble stature and abounding health. After the death of his wife, in Lycoming county, he started out to see something of what was then the great West and on this trip visited in Ohio but subsequently located in Iowa, where he went into the banking business with a son-in-law, and died at Brighton, in that state, when more than 80 years of age.

John Roberts was one of a family of seven children and all but two of these spent their lives in Pennsylvania. He remained in Lycoming county until late in the twenties, when he decided to come to Ohio. He had married Lavina Walton, who was born in Lycoming county, Dec. 30, 1799, and died near Bucyrus when aged about 72 years. When the decision was made to break up the old home ties in Pennsylvania, Mr. Roberts found in his young wife a ready helper and she cheerfully assisted him in all his undertakings although at that time she had the responsibility of an infant. Mr. Roberts in the course of time became one of the wealthy men of Crawford county, the owner of 1500 acres of land and one of the shrewdest and most successful stock buyers and dealers in the country. In those days there was much to contend with in his business but he was endowed with perfect health and indomitable courage and was never known to be defeated in any of his many undertakings. He identified himself with everything of public interest although he refused public office and being a man of such excellent

judgment was a leading factor along almost every line of development during his active years. Finally he consented to accept a life of ease but it was only when old age had reached him, and he died in his comfortable home, his residence being located just north of Bucyrus, in 1884. In early days a Whig, he later became a Republican. He and wife were members of the Methodist Episcopal church, their conversion having been accomplished at the same time when they were in attendance at a camp meeting on the banks of the Susquehanna river.

To John Roberts and wife four sons and one daughter were born. The daughter, Mary Jane is the widow of James Cobb and is a resident of Bucyrus, being now in her 78th year. The eldest son, Fleming, was the babe brought to Ohio by his parents. He died early leaving a widow and one son in Marion county, O. Another son, George Washington, who was born in 1835, is a wealthy retired stock dealer and large landowner in Marion county. Edwin, the youngest son, was born in 1840 and died in Harrison county in 1908, survived by a family.

Wesley Roberts, father of Thomas E. and Charles W. Roberts, of Bucyrus, was the second son in the above family and was born in 1829, in Crawford county, O., and he was reared in Whetstone township. In a remarkable degree he inherited his father's appearance and characteristics. He loved hard work and in endurance could excel any of his associates from boyhood. At one time he owned 2800 acres of land in Crawford county, while his fields and pastures showed herds of fine cattle and horses, droves of fattening hogs and flocks of sheep. He was, like his father, a careful and judicious business man and in a business in which there is large opportunity to fail, he met only with prosperity. For years he was designated as the leading breeder, feeder and buyer of stock in this section of the state. His perfect health continued into advanced life and the slight digestive trouble that caused his death was at first looked upon as of little consequence, so unaccustomed had he been to illness. Like all strong men he had settled opinions of right and wrong and he had the courage to live up to his convictions. In politics he was a believer in the superiority of the principles of the Republican party and

when he worked for a candidate he did that task as he did every other, with all his strength, but was never willing to accept political preferment for himself. He was a Methodist in religion.

Wesley Roberts was married first to a Miss Monnett, a member of a very prominent old family of the county. She died in Whetstone township, survived by two sons: Isaac, who is a prominent stockman in Nebraska; and Madison, who is a farmer in Scott township, Marion county, O. His second marriage took place in Morrow county, O., to Miss Elizabeth Newson, who was born there in 1832. She died at the home of a daughter, in Bucyrus, Feb. 7, 1889, and her memory is tenderly preserved by the following surviving children: Frank H., Joseph, Charles, Marcellus M. and Ida. Belle died at the age of seven years. Frank H. and Willis G. are both prominent in the livestock industry at Bucyrus. Marcellus M. is part owner of a fine farm in Dallas township. Ida is the wife of Harry Keil, who is a large landowner and stock dealer in Illinois.

JOSEPH W. ROBERTS was the eldest born son to his father's second marriage, and was born in Dallas township, Crawford county about 1860. He inherited the tastes and business acumen of his father and grandfather, along with their physical build, and has devoted his attention since reaching manhood to agricultural activities and handling of stock. During the larger part of his life he has resided within the borders of Crawford county. In 1911 he established a residence at Bucyrus, where he is in partnership with his brothers in a livery business and standing stables. Politically he is a Republican but is active only as a voter. He is a man of large means, is charitable and public spirited and has many personal as well as business friends. In Marion county he married Flora B. Miller, who died there without issue in 1901, at the age of 35 years. Mr. Roberts was married (second) at Bucyrus to Miss Pansy G. Neish, a daughter of the late Byron Neish.

CHARLES WESLEY ROBERTS was born in Scott township, Marion county, O., Jan. 15, 1862, but was mainly reared in Craw-

ford county. He scarcely required the hardy discipline that prevails on a large farm, to develop his muscles and ensure his health, for he, like his brothers, father and grandfather and even farther back, possessed these gifts from kind Nature. At one time it pleased the five sons of the family to test their added weight, each claiming some 200 pounds, and the aggregate was 1100 pounds. With sound constitution, clear mind and steady habits, Mr. Roberts, like other members of this rather remarkable family, has been very successful in his business undertakings, which have been along the line of the family industry almost exclusively. In 1901 he came to Bucyrus, from his farm in Caledonia township where he had sold and bought stock for six years previously, having moved from his former farm in Marion county. For some years he has associated his business interests with those of his brothers.

Mr. Roberts was married near New Winchester, Crawford county, to Miss Malinda Loyer, born in Marion county, a daughter of Henry and Catherine (Heinline) Loyer, of German stock. The father of Mrs. Roberts died at the age of 40 years but the mother lived to be 70 years old. They were German Reformed church people. Four children have been born to Charles W. Roberts and wife: Earl W., who was accidentally killed in Montana, at the age of 24 years; George W., who owns and successfully operates a sheep ranch in Montana; and Helen and Franklin Harry, who resides with their parents.

CHARLES E. SWITZER,* one of Galion's leading business men, senior member of the wholesale and retail firm of Switzer & White, dealers in grain, hay and seed and operators of elevators at both North Robinson and Monnett, O., was born in Miami county, O., Dec. 3, 1869, and is a son of Jacob and Mary C. (Kunkle) Switzer.

The parents of Mr. Switzer were born and married in Pennsylvania and for many years after coming to Ohio were farming people in Newton township, Miami county. In 1910 they left the farm and now live in comfortable retirement at Covington, O., where they are attendants and supporters of the Brethren church. Their family consists of five children.

After attaining his majority and completing an educational course at Ada, O., Charles E. Switzer went to Columbus and began work in the clerical department of the grain and hay firm of J. B. McAllister & Company, and remained with that house for twelve years, coming from there in 1900, to Galion, to go into business with Mr. White. The present company was established in 1906 by Charles E. Switzer and George M. White and is one of the important business enterprises of Crawford county. In their elevators they carry more than 30,000 bushels of grain and in all other commodities are large dealers, their market being anywhere in the state. Their methods are those of a progressive firm and their prosperity is assured.

Mr. Switzer was married at Columbus, O., to Miss Margaret J. Evans, who was born in Wales and was nine years old when her parents brought her to America. They settled at Columbus, O., where her mother died, and after working at his trade—that of stonemason—until some twelve years since, her father went to Montana. There he married again and still resides. Mrs. Switzer was one of a family of six children. Mr. and Mrs. Switzer have three children: Edith M., born May 10, 1905; Herbert C., born June 20, 1907; and Malcolm Evans, born Feb. 25, 1911. The family belongs to the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. Switzer is a good citizen but is not particularly active in politics. He votes with the Republican party.

ALEM MOORHEAD,* who is one of the well known citizens of Crestline, now living retired, for a number of years was in the real estate business here and owns valuable city property. He was born on a farm in Jackson township, then in Richland now in Crawford county, July 7, 1847, and is a son of Robert and Elizabeth (Barber) Moorhead.

Robert Moorhead and wife were born at Milton, Pa., and when they came to Ohio they settled in Jackson township, when all that section was a wilderness. Mr. Moorhead was forced to cut down trees in order to make a space on which to build his log cabin. He persevered, cleared land and improved it, and he and wife spent their subsequent lives here, the mother passing away shortly after the

birth of their son Alem, when aged 50 years, but the father lived into advanced age, dying when nearing his 94th birthday. They were members of the Presbyterian church and a brother of Mrs. Moorhead, Rev. Daniel Barber, was a prominent divine of that body. Of their family of 12 children, nine reached maturity and eight married. The survivors are: Alem and Mrs. Clarissa Courtright, who is a childless widow and a resident of Mansfield, O.

When 18 years of age, Alem Moorhead heard the call for soldiers issued by the President of the United States, to assist in putting down rebellion, and he was one of the first to enlist, in April, 1861, in Co. I, 1st O. Vol. Inf., under Capt. McLaughlin and Col. Cook. This regiment was rushed to the front and took part in the first battle of Bull Run, which Mr. Moorhead survived and served out his enlistment. Soon after his honorable discharge he came to Crestline, which city has been his chosen home ever since. In politics Mr. Moorhead is a staunch Democrat.

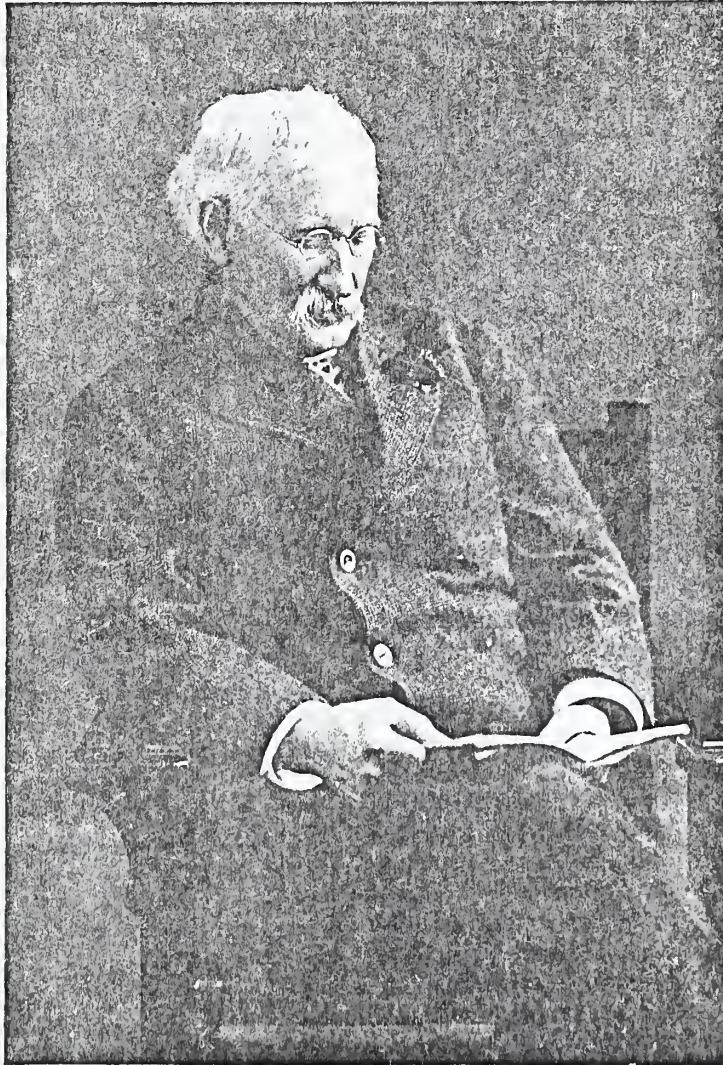
In early manhood Mr. Moorhead was married to Miss Margaret Miller, who died at the age of 54 years, leaving four children: Charles A., who is with the Pennsylvania Railway Company; Flora I., now deceased, who was the wife of William Bagley, and who is survived by one daughter, Genevieve; Elizabeth, who is the wife of Everett Sutton, residing at Bloomington, Ill., and has two daughters, Effie and Beatrice, and an infant son; and Howard, who was accidentally killed by a railroad train on a grade crossing, when aged 27 years, and is survived by a widow and one daughter, Margaret. Mrs. Moorhead was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and was an active worker in the Woman's Relief Corps, Mr. Moorhead being identified with Snyder Post, No. 97, G. A. R. He belongs also to the Knights of Pythias.

JOHN HARRISON TRAGO, who is a retired farmer and well known citizen of Crawford county, O., resides on his excellent farm of 120 acres, situated in section 17, Auburn township, was born in this township, on an adjoining farm, May 31, 1840, and is a son of Daniel and Sarah (Waters) Trago.

Daniel Trago was born in Honeybrook

township, Chester county, Pa., May 8, 1796, and died in Ohio, Jan. 3, 1876. After coming to Ohio he lived for five years in Columbiana county and then located on 160 acres, which tract at that time was in Richland county, but is now included in Auburn township, Crawford county, later buying the 120 acres on which his son resides, paying eleven dollars an acre for the same. Still later he purchased eighty more acres and for that tract paid \$35 per acre. All this land was heavily timbered at the time of purchase and each farm was cleared and improved by Daniel Trago. On December 20, 1826, he was married to Sarah Waters, who was born in Chester county, Pa., Jan. 1, 1806, and died May 22, 1871. Ten children were born to them, the family record being as follows: Samuel Waters Trago, who was born in Honeybrook township, Chester county, Pa., Nov. 3, 1827; Ann Elizabeth Trago, who was born Sept. 21, 1829, died Feb. 21, 1841; Elmira Trago, who was born Feb. 12, 1831, was married to John Griffith, Dec. 28, 1852, and died July 12, 1878; Agnes Trago, who was born in Smith township, Columbiana county, O., in Nov. 1833, died Jan. 27, 1854; Francis Marion Trago, who was born in Smith township, Columbiana county, O., Dec. 17, 1835, enlisted for service in the Civil War as a member of the 64th O. Vol. Inf., and was killed at Peach Tree Creek, near Atlanta, Ga., July 20, 1864; Vincent T. Trago, who was born in Smith township, Columbiana county, O., Feb. 28, 1838, enlisted in Co. I, 15th O. Vol. Inf. and served four years in the Civil War, living to return, his death occurring April 14, 1880 (was married first to Laura Carlisle on Dec. 25, 1866, and secondly to Mary E. Dull, May 5, 1870); John Harrison Trago; Alice Ann Trago, who was born July 14, 1843, died in 1852; Mary Trago, who was born April 22, 1846, married William N. Keller, April 17, 1870, and lives at Monroeville, Ind.; and Morris Winfield Trago, who was born Jan. 24, 1848, died in March, 1849.

John Harrison Trago remained on the home farm with his father and has always been interested in farming and stock raising. For some time he has been retired from active labor and now rents out his farm on shares, finding this plan satisfactory. From early



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manhood he has given his political support to the Republican party, but has never been particularly active in politics—just an interested citizen who has exerted his influence to make this a law-abiding community.

Mr. Trago was married, first, Oct. 21, 1866, to Miss Nancy Mount, who was born in Richland county, a daughter of James Mount, of Irish ancestry. She died Feb. 9, 1892, and her burial was in Oakland Cemetery, near Tiro, O. She was the mother of four children; Fannie, who was born Sept. 1, 1867, was a successful teacher at New Washington, for seventeen years; James Justus, who was born May 23, 1873, is a civil engineer residing at Mt. Vernon, Ill.; Andrew Edmund, who was born Aug. 18, 1876, died May 10, 1892; and John Henry. The last named was born July 9, 1879 and was accidentally killed while at work in a saw-mill, on June 1, 1900. The mother of the above named children was a faithful member of the Lutheran church.

On Oct. 11, 1902, Mr. Trago was married secondly to Mrs. Mary (Baker) Reed, at Bloomdale, Wood county, O. Mrs. Mary (Baker) Trago was born at Fredericksburg, near Wooster, in Wayne county, O.

COL. WILSON. C. LEMERT was born in what is now Texas township, on March 4, 1837. His grandfather, Joshua Lemert, was an officer in the War of 1812, and with his family had settled in Coshocton county just before that war. Lewis Lemert, son of Joshua, was born in Loudon county, Va., Aug. 4, 1802. He came with his parents to Coshocton, where, on Jan. 2, 1823 he married Jane Perdew. In 1826, he came with his bride to what is now Texas township, then a dense forest. Here he raised a large family of children; was one of the prominent men in that section; assisted in building the first church in 1834, and was one of its first trustees, and remained a member until his death, which occurred on the 80th anniversary of his birth, Aug. 4, 1882. His son, Wilson C. Lemert, assisted his father on the farm, attending school in the little log school house; later he taught school, attended the Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware, graduating in the class of '58. While here he was one of the ten charter members of the Sigma Chi

fraternity; more than half a century passed, and ripe in years, on June 11, 1912, he was one of the three charter members still living when the handsome new structure of the society was dedicated. Leaving college he read law, graduated from the Cincinnati Law School, was admitted to the Bar, practiced for a year in Bucyrus, and then removed to Greensburg, Ind. He had only commenced to practice there when the war broke out, and he promptly relinquished what was already a lucrative practice and responded to the President's first call for troops. His patriotic enthusiasm secured the enlistment of two companies, and of one, Co. G, Seventh Indiana, he was elected lieutenant, declining the captaincy. But promotion speedily followed, and he was given his captain's commission for bravery on the field at Winchester. He visited home, and being a brilliant speaker and a soldier from the front, addressed meetings, stirring up enthusiasm for the Union cause. At one of these meetings at Mansfield he spoke from the same platform with Ohio's great war Governor, David Tod, who finding he was an Ohioan, promptly commissioned him as Major, and later as Colonel of the Eighty-sixth Ohio. In 1863 his regiment was sent to Zanesville to stop the course of the Morgan Raiders. Here they became mounted infantry, horses being secured from every available source, and the wild chase began without rest, day or night, after the daring Confederate leader, the exciting race never ending until the final surrender of Morgan at Salineville, in Columbiana county. The raid ended, he returned to the front, and was engaged in the campaigns in eastern Tennessee, and was placed in charge of the strategic point of Cumberland Gap, as commander of the Third Brigade, Second Division, Ninth Army Corps, an organization of 7,000 men, with 30 pieces of artillery and when Gen. Grant visited the post, the taciturn warrior commended the commander for his skillful handling of the important post.

After the war he turned his attention to industrial channels, organizing and managing railroads and manufactories, and in the 22 years that followed he raised over four million dollars to place in successful operation the many companies with which he was con-

nected. His first venture was the Bellefontaine Cotton Company, to re-establish the cotton industry in the south, and in spite of the floods and the devastated condition of the country made the venture a success. When the T. & O. C. was built, he was the general manager in its construction, and when troublous times came, in the spring of 1880, he went along the line, and almost unaided, enthused the despondent, made 40 speeches at as many different points, and raised \$100,000 which tided the road over its difficulties, and it was built, and later he secured the shops of the road for his home town of Bucyrus. In 1881 he built a road 51 miles long from Corning to the Ohio river; in 1882 he built the St. Louis & Emporia railroad; in 1883 he began the construction of a railroad from Findlay to Columbus, and was also connected financially with the building of the Nickle Plate, which afterward was sold to the Vanderbilts. During the building of the T. & O. C. he purchased the land and laid out and started the towns of Corning and Rendville in Perry county. In 1878 he organized the Moxahala Iron and Coal Companies, opened mines and built furnaces, and was president and general manager of both. He became interested in natural gas, and under his management the Northwestern Natural Gas Company was organized, which supplied all northwestern Ohio with this fuel, and later he had general supervision of the Brice-Thomas interests in the gas fields of Ohio and Indiana. In 1887 he became the owner of the gas and electric light plants at Bucyrus, consolidating the two companies into one. When the T. & O. C. was building a company was organized to build cars in the old Buckeye Reaper and Mower Works. The company failed, and Mr. Lemert purchased and reorganized it, and it later became the Bucyrus Steam Shovel and Dredge Works. He organized and managed the Buckeye Wood Works. In 1889 he bought the brick machinery plant, which resulted in the organization of the Frey-Sheckler Company, he arranged for its consolidation with the Penfield & Son brick machinery plant at Willoughby, and the American Clay Company was the result. In his half century of industrial development he has been interested in many other companies.

On Aug. 2, 1860, he married Miss Mary L.

Jones, only daughter of Dr. A. M. and Elizabeth Jones, Mrs. Jones being a daughter of Sammel Norton, the founder of Bucyrus. By this union there were two children, Katie E. Lemert, and Mrs. Blanche L. Wise.

For the past ten years Col. Lemert has retired from the active management of any of the many industries he founded. He is at present vice president of the First National Bank. He has a cottage in Florida where he spends his winters, and the summers he passes in Bucyrus which is indebted to him for more of its progress than any other of its citizens. He has made several trips to Europe and the continent, into Africa and Asia, leisurely visiting the out-of-the-way-places, and last year made a tour around the world.

Notwithstanding a life of strenuous commercial activity, Col. Lemert for more than half a century has taken time to devote considerable attention to politics in every campaign. For years he was the head of the Republican party in this county, later took charge of the first campaign which sent Charles Foster to Congress from this district, and in 1879 managed the campaign which gave that gentleman the nomination for Governor, after the most brilliant fight that ever occurred in Ohio politics, Mr. Foster winning the nomination by only $6\frac{1}{2}$ votes. In his later years, while his more active party work has ceased, his loyalty to the principles of his party have become more intense. He has never been an aspirant for political office. On March 19, 1867, he was appointed postmaster at Bucyrus, only serving until a postmaster could be selected, and on July 19, 1867, he retired in favor of the man recommended by him. In 1884 he was delegate from this district to the National Convention at Chicago, casting his vote for James G. Blaine for the Presidential nomination. He has been delegate times innumerable to state and district conventions, State Central Committeeman, declined the office of Adjutant-General of the state under Gov. Foster, and now that 1912 has arrived, after 50 years of political contests, in which he has fought a straight fight, respecting his legitimate adversaries and being respected by them, neither asking nor receiving quarter, he is still championing the cause of true and regular Republicanism.

GEORGE M. HOOVER,* who is identified with one of the great industries of Bucyrus, O., being connected with the ordering department of the American Clay Machinery Company, was born in Delaware county, O., in the city of Galena, in 1858, and is a son of Isaac M. and Sylvia (Pond) Hoover.

Isaac M. Hoover was born in Pennsylvania and his wife in Maryland, and their families moved to Granville, O., where they met and were married in 1836. When a young man he learned the marble and stone cutting trade but later he became a cooper and found the cooperage business a profitable one while living at Chillicothe and Galena. This was before the day of machine-made barrels and Mr. Hoover was able to secure his raw material from the forest and perform every operation that turned it out a completed barrel or hogshead. He was a very deft worker in wood and made a specialty of manufacturing measures of various capacity, all of his work bearing the stamp of the honest craftsman. His death occurred from an attack of heart failure, at Columbus, in 1885, when he was aged 74 years. His widow survived him for three years, her death occurring at the home of a daughter, Mrs. J. J. Mazuric, at Urichville, O. Formerly they were identified with the Baptist church but later became Presbyterians. Three of their sons served as soldiers in the Civil War.

George M. Hoover enjoyed excellent educational advantages, attending school at Galena; later at Scio College he pursued higher branches and subsequently was graduated from the Eastman Business College at Poughkeepsie, N. Y. For some years he was interested in the hotel and restaurant business and afterward engaged in raising high grade stock at Bradford Junction, in Miami county, and in partnership with Abner Jennings, at Urbana, O. Mr. Hoover then conducted the Sea Side Hotel at Delmar, Calif., for twelve years and then returned eastward, purchasing a stock farm near Terre Haute, Ind., which he managed for five years. In 1893 he became agent for the Pennsylvania Short Line Railroad, a position he filled for eight years. This road was built by the firm of Frost, Stearns & Hoover (the junior partner being Mr. Hoover's brother), as contractors, and when the

road was entirely completed, Gilbert C. Hoover served as treasurer of the operating company until his retirement from business in 1900, his death following later. He was one of the substantial and representative men of the city. In July 1901, George M. Hoover came to the American Clay Machinery Company and since then has been the efficient head of the ordering department.

Mr. Hoover was married to Miss Rachel A. Grass, who was born and educated at Covington, O., and they have two sons: Harry G., who is office manager of the Gulbranson Piano Player Company, of Chicago, Ill., and married Celia Auck, of Bucyrus; and Herbert R. B. Mr. Hoover and family belong to the Presbyterian church. In politics, with his sons, he is a Republican.

FRANK R. GREEN,* who is manager and part owner of an exceedingly valuable property, consisting of 500 acres of finely improved land, situated in Washington township, Morrow county, O., not far from Galion, is a member of one of the prominent families of this section. He was born at Galion, O., the second in a family of four sons, his parents being James Henry and Leonora Hathaway (McClain) Green, and his grandparents, Aaron and Nancy (Berry) Green and Dr. Marcus H. and Lucy (Reed) McClain.

Frank R. Green, with his brothers, Howard A., Dahl and James H. Green, were educated in the schools of Galion. The eldest brother, Howard A., is a contracting decorator at Galion. He married Grace Blossier and they have two children, Grace Leonora and Frank. His next younger brother, Dahl Green, is secretary and directing manager of the Galion Shoe Company, of Galion, O., doing business on Main street, has been in the shoe business for the past sixteen years. He married Bessie Gates, of Fort Wayne, Ind., and they have two children, C. Gates and Helen Louise. James H. Green, the youngest brother, is a director of The Galion Shoe Company, of which he was one of the organizers. He married Addie Crowley and they reside at Galion. The father of the above family for many years was president of the Citizens National Bank of Galion, which he organized. His death occurred Aug. 7, 1891.

After his school days were over, Frank R. Green assisted his father in the bank for some years and then went to Cleveland, where he accepted a position as chief clerk in one of the leading hotels and continued there for twelve years. Failing health caused his physician to order an outdoor life and this led to his assuming the management of the highly improved farm of 500 acres, which is jointly owned by himself and brothers, it having been a family possession for a great many years. Under Mr. Green's intelligent and judicious management this property has been a source of large revenue, and in devoting himself to its development and improvement, Mr. Green has regained his normal health. He considers Galion his home and is identified here with many pleasant social organizations and is interested in the public movements which are bringing Galion prominently forward as a most desirable city in which to carry on business or in which to make a permanent home. He is active in Masonry and, with his brother, Dahl Green, belongs also to the Knights of Pythias. All four brothers are stanch Republicans.

CHARLES F. ETSINGER,* who conducts a large and well arranged meat market at Crestline, O., where he has been in the business for the past 12 years, was born in this city, Feb. 16, 1860, and is a son of John and Eba (Smith) Etsinger.

The parents of Mr. Etsinger were born, reared and married in Germany and three of their children—Jacob, Adam and John—were born prior to 1858, when the family came to the United States and located at Crestline. Both died here, the father when aged 73 years and the mother at the age of 69 years. The father became a strong supporter of the Democratic party and he and his wife were members of the German Reformed church. One son, Charles F., was born after the family came to America and he and John are the only survivors, the latter being connected with the Big Four Railroad at Indianapolis, Ind. Both Adam and Jacob married in Ohio and at death left families.

Charles F. Etsinger has spent his life as a resident of Crestline and received a good, public school education. When 19 years of age he

became a fireman for the Pennsylvania Railway and continued for three years, when he entered the meat market of Fred Fidler, where he learned his trade and then went into business for himself after working as a butcher for 14 years. He is thus a fine judge of meat and a practical man in every detail of the business. He does a large business at his present location, No. 207 East street, which property he owns.

Mr. Etsinger was married at Galion, O., to Miss Katie Cook, who was born in Crawford county in 1869, a daughter of William Cook. The father of Mrs. Etsinger was born in Germany and in young manhood came to Crawford county and purchased land in Jackson township on which he resided for many years and then moved to Richland county, where both he and wife died. They were members of the German Lutheran church. To Mr. and Mrs. Cook three children were born: Adam, who is a resident of Canton, O.; Mrs. Etsinger; and Maude, who is the wife of William Krichbaum, of Crestline. Mr. and Mrs. Etsinger have one daughter, Bertha, who was born April 19, 1893, and resides with her parents. The family belongs to the German Lutheran church. Like his father, Mr. Etsinger has been identified with the Democratic party and formerly served as a member of the city council. He is a member of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen.

WILLIS H. BRAUSE, a prominent citizen of Crawford county, O., and one of the substantial men of Lykens township, of which he is a trustee and is serving in his second term, was born in this township, March 13, 1861, and is a son of Rudolph and Catherine (Klink) Brause.

Rudolph Brause was born in Saxony, Germany, and was brought to the United States when six years of age. In 1830 he came to Crawford county, O., and spent the remainder of his life in Lykens township, becoming a prosperous farmer. He frequently related how, in his youth, he would accompany his mother when she walked from two miles south of Lykens village to Bucyrus, carrying her butter and eggs, and receiving three cents a pound for her butter and four cents a dozen for eggs. Game was still plentiful and there

were many wild turkeys. He learned many wood-craft expedients and possessed a certain bone secured from a raccoon and fashioned into a whistle, with which he attracted the early flying turkeys and frequently he would shoot several turkeys before breakfast. He was known far and wide as a successful hunter.

Rudolph Brause married Catherine Klink, whose parents came from Wertenberg, Germany, to the United States when she was six years old, and in 1828 they came to Liberty township, Crawford county. A few words suffice to tell that one of the early settlers entered land, but in almost every case, at that time, the entering was accomplished through considerable hardship. Mr. Brause has heard his Grandfather Klink tell of some of his experiences. When ready to enter land he found there was no Government station at Bucyrus and that entailed a long trip to Tiffin and as he had no means of conveyance, he walked the whole distance from Ridgton to that city. He had carefully carried his purchase money, \$96, with him but when he reached the land office he was confronted with the statement that he had four dollars too little, the sum of \$100 being needed for the purchase of eighty acres, the smallest tract on sale. Fortunately he was carrying two watches and by pawning these he secured the required capital and received his deed for eighty acres of land. This left him, however, with no means with which to purchase food for the long journey back home, but, feeling that the sooner he reached there the better, he set out over the uncleared country, following Indian trails, as there were no roads, until, finally, worn out, he rested on a log and gave way to tears. In some mysterious way, after again resuming his homeward journey, he was led into a path where some former traveler had lost a twenty-five cent piece. This was a fortune to Mr. Klink and at the first log cabin he came to he spent it, one-half for potatoes and the other half for pancakes.

To Rudolph Brause and wife the following children were born: Caroline, who died when aged twenty-one years; George A.; John; Fidelia, who is deceased, was the wife of Jacob Zeigler; Willis H.; and Emma, who died when aged four years. The parents were members of the Lutheran church.

Willis H. Brause attended the district schools during a part of each year until he was twenty years old and was his father's main helper three years longer. He then rented land for eight years, after which he bought 160 acres, which he subsequently sold. In 1895 he bought his present farm of 470 acres. He carries on general farming and deals extensively in Shorthorn cattle, Percheron horses and Delaine sheep, having some 500 head of sheep annually. He owns three registered Percherons—Hindu, Lyman and Idoic—their total value being estimated at \$4,000. Additionally he has a farm of forty acres situated in Seneca county.

In December, 1884, Mr. Brause was married to Miss Mary Susannah Zeigler, who was born in Seneca county, a daughter of Henry and Louisa (Keller) Zeigler, natives of Germany. Mr. and Mrs. Zeigler had a family of eight children, namely: Jacob, Henry, John, Mary S., George, Christian, Adam and Emma. To Mr. and Mrs. Brause seven children have been born, as follows: Earl George, Lloyd, William, Virgil, Emma, Ida and Raymond. Mr. Brause and family attend the Reformed church. In politics Mr. Brause is a Democrat. He has many business interests but is a conscientious citizen and tries to do his part in public position when called upon. In him Lykens township has a reliable and honest official and he has brought business methods to the board of trustees which have been of value in the considerations of that public body.

WILLIAM A. LEONHART,* one of the leading citizens of Chatfield township, Crawford county, O., president of the board of Education and owner of 100 acres of valuable land situated in section 10, situated two and one-half miles west and one-half mile north of New Washington, was born in this township, Oct. 11, 1866, on a farm adjoining his present one. He is a son of John and a grandson of George and Margaret (Zabst) Leonhart.

George Leonhart and wife were both born in Germany and soon after marriage came to the United States and for the first four years lived in Stark county, O., and then moved into Chatfield township, Crawford county, where he purchased a tract of wild land which

he cleared and improved. Six children were born to George and Margaret Leonhart: John; Elizabeth, wife of Adam Reichart, of Chatfield township; George, residing in Kansas; Catherine, wife of Conrad Hamer, both deceased; Adam, of Bucyrus, O.; and Gustave A., of Chatfield township. George Leonhart resided on his Chatfield township farm until his death, at the age of 76 years and was survived by his wife who lived to be 86 years old. Their burial was in the Lutheran cemetery at New Washington.

John Leonhart grew up on the home farm and taught school for some time before marriage and afterward settled on 40 acres of land in Chatfield township, which he rented from his father, subsequently acquiring the home farm and adding to his possessions until at the time of death, when aged 72 years, he owned 380 acres, all in one body, situated in Chatfield township. He was a leading man in the Lutheran church and prominent also in public matters in the township, serving several terms as township trustee and in other capacities. All his land remains in the family and all of it has been cleared by the Leonharts. He married Elizabeth Ackerman, a daughter of David and Catherine Ackerman, and the following children were born to them: Catherine, who married Lewis Carriek and moved to Kansas and has five children—Lloyd, Walter, Ross, Mabel and Goldie; Jefferson; G. W., who married Anna E. Gaugluff and has two children—E. L. and Maud A.; F. E., who married Emma Marquart, and has two children—Minnie and Clarence; W. A.; Matilda, who is the wife of C. W. Foster, of Mansfield, and has four children—Ethel, Ray, Helen and Harry; Caroline, who married George Marquart of Cranberry township; G. A., who married Minnie Shade and has two children—Charles and Anna; and Emma, who is the wife of W. A. Gaughuff, of Chatfield township. The mother of this family died at the age of 73 years and her burial was in the Lutheran cemetery at New Washington.

William A. Leonhart attended the public schools in Chatfield township and three years in the New Washington schools, and afterward taught school for seven terms in Chatfield township. He decided then to turn his entire attention to agricultural pursuits and

began for himself on his present farm, where, as time has passed he has made numerous improvements which include the erection of substantial buildings of modern construction. He carries on general farming and has all his land under cultivation with the exception of eighteen acres of woodland.

Mr. Leonhart married Miss Catherine Schaffer, who is a daughter of Valentine Schaffer, a farmer in Chatfield township. Mr. and Mrs. Leonhart have two children: Marvin W. and Alma E. In politics Mr. Leonhart has always been a stanch Democrat but the only public office he has ever accepted has been membership on the school board of which body he is the very efficient president. With his family he belongs to the Lutheran church at New Washington, O.

JAMES A. CASEY,* assistant cashier of the First National Bank of Galion, O., was born in this city Feb. 3, 1882. His parents were James and Clara (Shumaker) Casey, the former of whom was born in Crawford county, O., and the latter in Fairfield county, O. They were married in Galion. James Casey was a railroad engineer on the Big Four Railroad for 42 years. He served in the Civil War as a non-commissioned officer in Company K, 81st O. Vol. Inf., and escaped the more deadly perils of war, but was once captured, later, however, making his escape. He was with Sherman on his march to the sea and on the close of the war took part in the Grand Review at Washington, D. C. He subsequently resumed his occupation as railroad engineer. He died in Galion at the age of 69 years, June 27, 1908. He was a Republican in politics and belonged to Dick Morris Post, No. 130, G. A. R. His wife died here July 27, 1911. She came to Galion as a child with her parents, Joseph and Susan (Felton) Shumaker, who later died here when quite advanced in years. They were farmers by occupation. Mrs. James Casey was 52 years old at the time of her death. They were the parents of five children, all of whom are now living. They are as follows: Forest, who is a member of the firm of Rush & Casey, is married and has children. Susan A. was educated in the Galion schools and is residing at home. James is the subject of this sketch and



EDELBERT A. BRYAN

will be further mentioned herein. Mary is the wife of John C. Wigg and they reside at Morgan Park, Ill., where Mr. Wigg has been commandant of the Morgan Park Military Academy for some four years. They have two children—James and Robert. Lloyd Atwell, who was educated in the Galion schools, is now in the employ of the Eastern Ohio Gas Company, in the clerical department. He is unmarried.

James E. Casey was graduated from the Galion high school in the class of 1900. He then obtained a position as clerk in the hardware store of Resch & Casey. In 1902 he entered the First National Bank as teller, becoming assistant cashier in January, 1911, in which capacity he has proved himself a capable man. He is also secretary and treasurer of the McCoy-Raviland Company, confectionary manufacturers, having been one of the organizers of this company. He is a Blue Lodge Mason and belongs also to the Knights of Pythias and the Elks, having been secretary of the last mentioned lodge since its organization. He is unmarried.

EDELBERT A. BRYAN, one of the representative business men of Galion, O., who is proprietor, with his wife, of the Bryan Coal Company of this city, with quarters on the Big Four Railroads and South Market street, was born in Polk, Ashland county, O., June 21, 1850 and belongs to one of the old and solid families of this state. The record of the Bryan family is as follows:

"John Bryan was born Oct. 18, 1777, nothing being known of his parents, except that they were probably of English stock and that they came from West Virginia to Ohio. John Bryan was married on Sept. 22, 1801, to Rachel Younger Mackrill, who was born Aug. 17, 1781, where, not known. She was a daughter of Benjamin and Sarah (Younger) Mackrill, who were married Feb. 16, 1754. He was born Feb. 16, 1730, and she was born Jan. 12, 1737. Their children were: Ruth, born near Lancaster, O., Sept. 12, 1802; Shadrach, born Sept. 14, 1804; John S., born April 10, 1809; Silas A., born May 28, 1812; Caleb, born June 25, 1814; and Calvin, who was born July 28, 1817, in Mohican township, Ashland county, the parents having removed

from Fairfield county to Ashland county in 1815. They remained in Mohican township until 1824 and then moved to Jackson township, settling on a tract of land on which the village of Polk is built. They cleared up enough of the land to do considerable farming, but much work had to be done before the ground was in condition to raise crops. The father and mother were members of the Methodist Episcopal church and were devoted to its interests, their home being always open to traveling preachers of that faith who came into the neighborhood. The only daughter, Ruth, married William Millington but they had no children. They lived until Mr. Millington's death, at Ashland, O., where he was engaged in the drug business. She remained a widow and for some years previous to her death, lived with relatives at Polk, O.

"Shadrach Bryan, father of Edelbert A. Bryan, was reared on the home farm and his early life was not one of ease, but a life of many hardships and constant toil. His school privileges were very limited, one term of school being all he was permitted to attend, during which he managed to complete Green's Arithmetic and to secure enough learning, with what he had acquired at home and what he gained afterward, to teach several terms of school. Of course the demands made on a teacher in those days are not to be compared to the present, but, if he had had the educational advantages of the present, he would have been an intellectual giant. His especial delight was mathematics, and at the age of 80 years he was more proficient in this branch than any of his children, although some of them had taught school. He had an analytical mind and loved to debate, and for several years was a member of the literary societies of the neighborhood. In appearance he was a well built man, measured six feet and one inch in height and weighed about 220 pounds. His muscles were well developed and he was strong and active, had a well formed head and a good-looking face.

On June 9, 1829, Shadrach Bryan married Persis Goff. They were both Christians and when they began housekeeping they established the family altar the first day and kept it up as long as they lived. They were members of the Methodist Episcopal church and their home

was headquarters for the circuit preachers who came to hold meetings. Shadrach was one of the leading men in the local church and for a good many years held a local preacher's license and also served as recording steward of the Circuit for several years. In politics he was a Republican and during the fifties and sixties, during the fierce anti-slavery agitation, was the leading Republican in his township. His party being in the minority, was held in contempt by the Democrats. He was fearless and outspoken in the cause of abolition and was often bitterly reproached for his attitude. His last vote was cast with the Prohibition party, in 1886."

Shadrach moved from Polk to Galion in 1871, where he died in 1877 at the age of eighty-two. Persis, wife of Shadrach, died in 1877.

The children born to Shadrach Bryan and wife, were the following: Rachel, March 29, 1830, who died without issue in 1900, was the widow of Dr. Campbell who for several years was a prominent physician of Galion; Myra, born December 10, 1831, was a school teacher for many years, married Samuel Elliott of Edinburg, Portage county, a railroad contractor, and later a farmer. He died in 1889. Mrs. Elliott moved to Galion in the same year and died there in 1907, without children. For several years Mrs. Elliott was a member of the Bryan Coal Company. Abner G., born December 15, 1835, who died without descendants, in 1902, was a member of McKinley's Regimental band for three years during the Civil war, after which he entered the service of the Atlantic & Great Western Railroad as fireman, and in due time was promoted to the position of engineer, which he held for eighteen years. In 1879 he left the road and formed a partnership with his brother, E. A. Bryan and went into the coal and builders' supply business. Abner G. was a resident of Galion for thirty-seven years, most of which he was an active member of the Methodist Episcopal church. Martha, who is the wife of Alvin Beymer, of Warren county, Iowa, was born May 5, 1838, they have three living children, two being now deceased. Charles H., born March 20, 1840, who served in the Civil war, was connected a good many years with the Atlantic & Great Western Railroad, and was for several years a member of the Bryan

Coal Company, but is now retired; has lived in Galion for about forty years. Irena and Benson, both died young. Sarah A., born June 26, 1854, is the wife of William Sloane of Galion; they have been residents for about forty years. They have three sons, Ralph C., Supervisor of Music in the public schools of Sullivan, Indiana; Hugh L., telegraph operator for the Big Four Railroad at Galion; Clinton B., employed by the American Express Company at Galion.

On the maternal side of the family record has been gathered as follows:

"Abner Goff, the maternal grandfather of Mr. Bryan of this record, was born November 4, 1782, in Rutland county, Vt., a son of Daniel and Elizabeth Goff, Scotch people. On June 4, 1800 he married Patty Hudson. In 1813, with his family and his brother, Christopher and his family, they left Vermont in covered wagons, for Ohio and in their journey to Licking county they passed through Wheeling, Pittsburgh and Zanesville. The brothers purchased, each, 100 acres of forest land near what is now the village of St. Louisville, of William Stanberry, also a native of Vermont, who owned a strip of land about fifteen miles long between Newark and Utica. Abner Goff was an itinerant preacher of the Methodist Episcopal church and in his early ministry traveled a six weeks circuit which covered several counties, his children in the meanwhile, clearing and cultivating the land. He lived to be seventy-five years old, and during his long life of useful self-sacrifice, accomplished a great amount of good. His wife, Patty Hudson, was an admirable woman in every way. She was born at Boston, Mass., November 9, 1782, and had two brothers and one sister, one of the former serving as a captain and the other as a lieutenant in General Washington's army. After the close of the Revolutionary War they settled in North Carolina. Mrs. Goff often told her children of seeing both General Washington and General Lafayette. After the death of her husband she lived with her daughters, her death occurring at St. Louisville, O., November 9, 1871, in her ninetieth year. For sixty years she was a faithful member of the Methodist Episcopal church."

Edelbert A. Bryan was educated in the public schools of Ashtand county. In 1870 he

came to Galion and for nine years was connected with the Atlantic & Great Western, now the Erie Railroad Company. He began as fireman, was promoted engineer after a few years, which position he held until he left the road.

In Edinburg, Portage county, O., August 8, 1872, Mr. Bryan was married to Miss Ada E. Hudson, a daughter of John and Emma (Elliott) Hudson. Mrs. Bryan lost her father when she was thirteen years old, and her mother died in 1905. She has two living sisters: Mrs. Portz of Loudonville, Ashland county, O., and Mrs. (Rev. Stowell) Bryant of Windham, Portage county. Mr. and Mrs. Bryan have one daughter, Grace E., who was born July 30, 1873, and was graduated from the public schools, and after her graduation taught in the same schools until her marriage. She is the wife of Reuben O. Morgan of Galion, who is superintendent of the Crawford County Gas and Electric Company, which operates the electric light plant at Crestline. They have one daughter, Eleanor Persis, who was born March 6, 1902. Mr. Morgan's family are members of the Presbyterian church of Galion. Mrs. Bryan is a member of the Presbyterian church, also, while Mr. Bryan is a member of the Free Methodists and for several years did considerable evangelistic and pastoral work. For the past twenty years he has been chairman of the Prohibition County Committee of Crawford county.

Mr. Bryan is a great enemy to the liquor traffic; he does not give any quarter nor ask for any. He has demonstrated to the public that a business man does not have to compromise principle to make a success in business. Not only this, but he is rigid in his manner of keeping the Sabbath; all business is laid aside, with all work not actually necessary until the Sabbath is past, and he believes he is better off in every way for his attitude in this.

JACOB KNAPP,* deceased, for many years was a successful farmer and highly respected citizen of Vernon township, Crawford county, O., and he was born in Vernon township, Oct. 13, 1841, and died June 4, 1901, on the same farm. He was a son of George W. Knapp.

The parents of Jacob Knapp were natives

of Wurtemberg, Germany, where George W. Knapp was born in 1797. There he was reared and after a certain period of schooling, learned the tailor's trade, and when he reached manhood married in his neighborhood and settled down to domestic life. After the birth of four children, George, Christine, William and Emanuel, he and wife discussed the matter of finding a more lucrative way of gaining a sufficient income to take care of the increasing family, and finally decided that emigration to the United States would be the wisest move, opportunity perhaps awaiting them there to secure land and thus bring their children up as farmers. This was the dream of many devoted fathers and mothers about that time, when thousands of acres of land in Ohio and other states could be secured for a small amount of capital and under the industrious and thrifty working of Germans, have been developed into richest agricultural sections of any land. It was in the thirties that George W. Knapp and family reached Crawford county, O., and from the Government secured a tract of virgin land in Vernon township. He was no trained farmer but he was very ambitious and industrious, and as he was an excellent tailor soon built up a large line of customers, reaching even as far as Sandusky and Mansfield. According to the custom of the day he traveled to his customers instead of their coming to him but made it profitable and was able to take excellent care of his family while his boys were growing up, built a comfortable log house and little by little cleared, cultivated and improved his farm. There his death occurred in 1879, he having survived his wife for 20 years. They were members of the German Lutheran church. After reaching America three more children were born to them, Jacob, Fred and Mary, the whole family now being deceased except Emanuel, who resides in Henry county, O., where he married and has a family.

Jacob Knapp was reared on the home farm and had comparatively few educational opportunities. After he married he purchased the homestead, to which he added 70 acres, erected new dwelling and barns and spent time and money in making improvements. His widow owns the old farm of 110 acres. He was one of the leading members of the Luth-

eran church in Vernon township and was an upright, Christian man.

Jacob Knapp married Miss Elizabeth Weaver, who was born in Vernon township, Crawford county, Aug. 21, 1848. She continued to live in her native township until she came to Crestline, where she built her handsome residence which she occupies, at No. 215 William street. Her parents were John and Elizabeth (Derr) Weaver, who were natives of Hesse Darmstadt, Germany. In his native land, John Weaver married in early manhood a German lady who left four children at death. His second marriage was to Elizabeth Derr and in 1843 the family came to America, subsequently settling in Vernon township, Crawford county, O., securing wild land and living at first as pioneers. They died in Vernon township, in advanced age, well known and much respected people, German Lutherans in their religious faith. Two children were born to Mr. Knapp's second marriage before the family left Germany, and two more after reaching Crawford county. The surviving children are one daughter of the first and two of the second marriage and all have families. To Jacob Knapp and wife four children were born, namely: Anna M., who is the wife of Bradley Fletcher, who is proprietor of a hotel at Atlantic City, N. J., and at St. Augustine, Fla.; Samuel, a dry goods merchant at Crestline, who married Emma Freed and has three children—Lucile, Stanley and Bedford; John G., a resident of Toledo, O., who married Maria Sacridge; Cora N. C., who is the wife of Alvin Farber, a clothing merchant at Crestline, who make their home with her mother, Mrs. Knapp. They have one son, Alvin Monroe, who was born July 19, 1911. Mrs. Knapp and family are members of the German Lutheran church.

WILLIAM BURGBACHER, who for 29 years has been a member of the board of education of Chatfield township, Crawford county, O., and one of the well known men of the county, was born in Chatfield township, one mile north of his present farm, Sept. 9, 1856, a son of John and Susan (Koenig) Burgbacher.

John Burgbacher was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, June 23, 1821, a son of Johannes

and Rosina (Bippus) Burgbacher. In June, 1835, Johannes Burgbacher with wife and children set sail for America and were safely landed in the United States after 62 days on the ocean, making harbor at New York. From there they proceeded by river, canal and lake to Sandusky and from there by team to Crawford county. By trade he was a wagonmaker but after reaching Ohio devoted his attention mainly to farming. He bought 80 acres of partly cleared land on which stood a log cabin. The country was yet so wild that deer came from the heavy timber and fed with the cows at the hay rack. The grandfather of Mr. Burgbacher died in 1842, when aged 67 years and was survived by the grandmother until 1850. They were parents of five children.

When he assumed the management of the home farm, John Burgbacher was 18 years of age but, notwithstanding his youth, carried on the farm development with success. He became a very prominent man in this section, in 1862 being elected a county commissioner and served three terms of three years each. In 1853 he was a justice of the peace and a trustee of the township, also a school director for some forty years. He was a liberal member of the Lutheran church. On July 3, 1849, he married Susan M. Koenig, who was born in Germany, a daughter of William and Maria L. (Fay) Koenig and the following children were born to them: Otto P., Mary, John, William, Rosa, Henry, Jacob, Elizabeth and Herman. John Burgbacher died March 28, 1909, aged 84 years, nine months and four days; Susan M. (Koenig) Burgbacher died March 24, 1905, aged 75 years, three months and 24 days.

William Burgbacher was reared and secured his schooling in Chatfield township. Afterward he was engaged for eight years in the saw mill business in Defiance county and also spent six months in Illinois and then returned to Chatfield township, Aug. 5, 1880, marrying Miss Helen Goller in Defiance county. Afterward he settled on his farm of 120 acres in section 7, Chatfield township, one mile west and one-half mile north of Chatfield, and all his children were born on this farm. He has made many improvements here and has a modern residence and substantial barn and other buildings and has all his land with the excep-

tion of 15 acres, well tiled and under a high state of cultivation. Mr. Burgbacher grows some of the finest fruit in the county and has a herd of valuable Polled Angus cattle.

The first wife of Mr. Burgbacher died June 14, 1904 and her burial was in the Windfall Lutheran Cemetery. She was the mother of seven children, namely: Frank I. and William Earl, twins, the former of whom is bookkeeper for the T. O. C. Railway Company, at Kenton, O., the latter being deceased; Rosa B. Schwarzbek, who is deceased; Emma E., who is Mrs. Willson, residing at Bloomville, O.; Charles H., senior partner of the firm of Burgbacher & Willson, proprietors of the City Meat Market, at Bloomville, O., and Fred G. and Lorena H. On May 20, 1908, Mr. Burgbacher was married (second) to Mrs. Caroline (Straley) Kauffman, widow of William Kauffman. Mr. and Mrs. Burgbacher are members of the German Lutheran church. He has held many public offices—constable, township trustee, and was elected justice of the peace but declined to serve. On three occasions he has been sent as a delegate to state conventions and has served on many important committees in the councils of the Democratic party.

WILLIAM MCCARTHY,* one of the old, tried and trusted employes of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company at Crestline, O., entered the service in April, 1869 and has been continuously connected with it with the exception of one year, which he spent attending the Crestline High School. He was born at Derry, Ireland, April 15, 1849, and is a son of John and Ellen (Burns) McCarthy.

John McCarthy, the father, was born in Ireland and was twice married in his own land. Three children were born to his first union: Ellen, Dennis and Jeremiah. Three of the children of his second marriage are living, namely: William; Deborah, who is the widow of John Marooney, resides on East Scott street, Crestline and has three children; and Elizabeth, who is a resident of Chicago, Ill. In 1847 John McCarthy and family took passage on a sailing vessel which safely landed them in the port of New York eleven weeks later, and from there they came to Freedom, O., where Mr. McCarthy settled for some

years and followed railroad construction, moving then to Lucas county and in 1851 to Crestline. Here he assisted in the building of the Pennsylvania Railroad as a small contractor. His subsequent life was spent here, where his death occurred at the age of 83 years, his wife surviving a few years longer. They were members of the Roman Catholic church and faithful in all religious observances.

William McCarthy obtained his education in the parochial and later the Crestline High School and early decided on a railroad career. In April, 1869 he was made a fireman and continued as such until February, 1873, when he went into a shop preparatory to taking charge of an engine, and on May 15, 1873, took out his first engine as an engineer, making the run on the Alliance Division known as Division B, the beginning of a long and satisfactory term of service in this line of work. Since 1892 he has been detailed over the whole division, at times running from Pittsburg to Chicago. Until 1889 his services were confined to the freight department, but since then he has engineered passenger trains.

Mr. McCarthy was married at Crestline to Miss Rosanna Finnegan, who was born, reared and educated in this city, a daughter of James and Ann (O'Neil) Finnegan. They came from Ireland to the United States early in the fifties, with four children, locating at Crestline and here Mr. Finnegan became connected with the construction department of the Pennsylvania Railroad. Both he and wife died in this city well advanced in years, and faithful members of the Roman Catholic church. They had eight children, Mrs. McCarthy being the first one born after coming to America. One sister, Maggie, is the widow of Jerry Wallace and lives at Columbia City, Ind.; another sister, Bridget, is the wife of W. K. Moore, of Carnegie, Pa.; and the third sister, Jennie W. married David A. Clark and they live at Cincinnati and have one daughter.

Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. McCarthy: Anna, who died young; Maude, who is the wife of W. S. Zink, of Chicago, and has one daughter, Rose Mary; and William Francis, who is a machinist with the Pennsylvania Railroad Company and lives at home. Mr. McCarthy and family all belong

to St. Joseph's Catholic Church. He and son are nominally Democrats but are quite independent in their political views.

PETER F. HERR,* for many years a well known and highly respected citizen of Galion, O., and a veteran of the Civil War, was born at Fort Wayne, Ind., in 1846, and died at his home in Galion, in 1897. His parents were Henry and Elizabeth (Snyder) Herr, and the family came to this city when Peter F. was a young man. They were members of the Reformed church.

Peter F. Herr learned the carpenter's trade after his school days were over, partly under the instruction of his father, who was a skilled mechanic, and during the greater part of his life he followed this trade, in his later years becoming a contractor. When the Civil War broke out he immediately left home and enlisted but as he was still under age his parents requested that he return home. He remained with his father until he reached his majority and then enlisted a second time, from Galion, and served faithfully until the close of the war, being continuously with his regiment with the exception of a period when he was confined in a hospital, suffering from small-pox. Mr. Herr was never very active in politics but was a good citizen and lived up to every public responsibility. He was a Democrat in his political view.

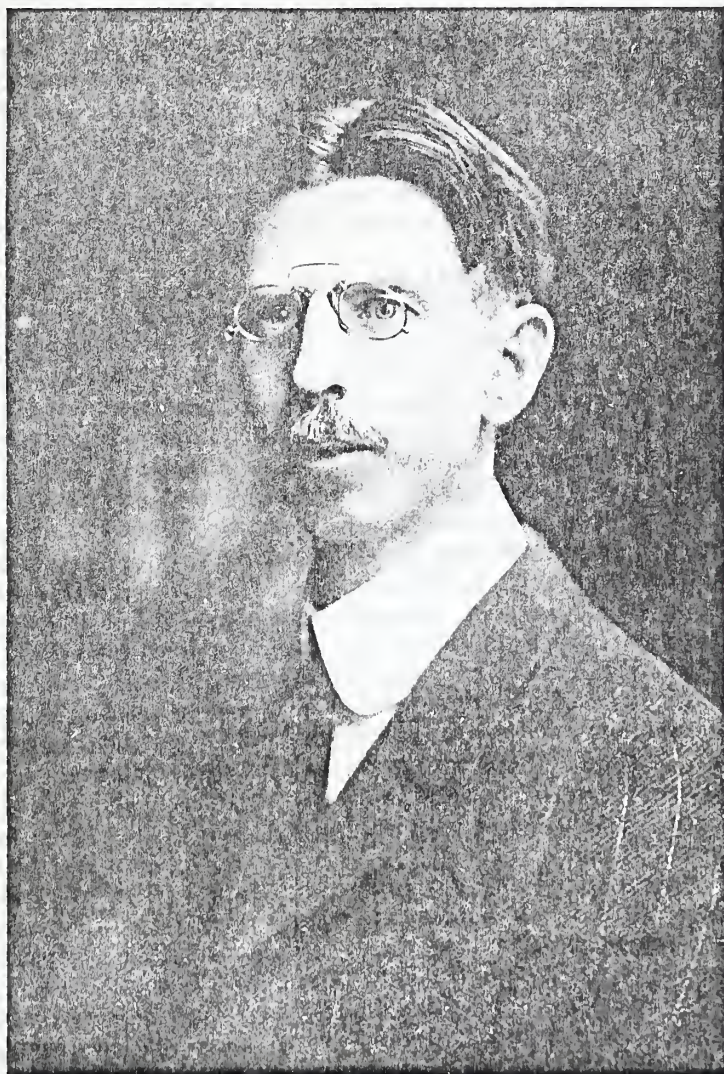
Mr. Herr was married in Morrow county, O., to Miss Margaret M. Shafer, who was born in that county April 2, 1851, a daughter of Conrad and Catherine (Snyder) Shafer. The parents of Mrs. Herr were born in Germany and came to America in 1833, landing at Baltimore after 53 days on the Atlantic Ocean. They were sturdy and resourceful German people and the necessity of walking the entire distance from Baltimore to Mansfield, O., where they wished to locate, was not, to them, an undertaking of unusual difficulty, for they had been reared to labor and take exercise and throughout the whole of their long lives were examples of strength and hardihood. In Morrow county Mr. Shafer bought an improved farm and at the time of death owned 210 acres of valuable land. In 1897 they came to Galion. Both passed away at the home of Mrs. Herr, in 1899, Mrs. Shafer

dying Oct. 29, at the age of 85 years and Mr. Shafer surviving until Nov. 4, being then in his 90th year. They had been reared in the Reformed church but for many years had been united with the Methodist Episcopal church. They had four daughters and one son: Mrs. Elizabeth Burkhart, who lives with her family in Marion county, O.; Caroline, who is the wife of Abraham Burkhart, a retired farmer residing on Jefferson street, Galion; Louisa, who is the widow of Jacob Sifer, residing on Gill avenue, Galion; Mrs. Herr; and John, who resides with his wife and three children in Morrow county. A son and daughter were born to Mr. and Mrs. Herr, the latter, Louisa, dying unmarried at the age of 32 years. John H. Herr now resides on his farm in Morrow county and is a contractor. He married Mercy Swinfelt and they have one son, Edwin, who is a bright student in the Galion schools. Mrs. Herr owns some very valuable residence property at Galion. She is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

FREDERICK SOLZE, a general farmer in Lykens township, Crawford county, O., where his 110 acres of valuable land are located, was born in Lykens township, Jan. 20, 1851, and is a son of John Frederick and Frederica (Fotenhaver) Solze.

The parents of Mr. Solze were natives of Germany who came to America probably after marriage and settled on a farm in Lykens township, Crawford county, O., where both died in advanced age. They rest side by side in the Brokensword Cemetery. They were estimable people and were members of the German Lutheran church. Frederick Solze is the youngest of their family, the others being as follows: Christian, who was killed in the Civil War; Ferdinand; Louisa, wife of Henry Blinn; Charles; Gotfried and Caleb (twins) Adam and Tillie.

Since his school days ended, Frederick Solze has been occupied with farm pursuits on the old homestead, with the exception of two years during which he was in the livery business at Tiffin, O. He bought the interests of the other heirs and in 1891 secured his title. In addition to the homestead he owns a residence at Brokensword. In 1875 he was married to Miss Caroline Baldaser, who died



FRANK LEWES HOPLEY

March 10, 1912. She was a daughter of Conrad and Sophia (Menlen) Baldaser and had two brothers, August and William.

To Mr. and Mrs. Solze six children were born: Louisa, who is the wife of Frank Haller; Frederick; Charles F., who married Clara Bower and has two children—Carl and Alice; Lawrence; Hattie, who is the wife of Harry Lahman and has one child, Helen; and Albert. Frederick, Lawrence and Albert died of diphtheria in 1891. Mr. Solze and family attend the Protestant Methodist church. In politics he is a Democrat but has never sought public office. He is one of the township's most reliable and respected citizens.

WILLIAM D. BAUER,* one of the representative men of Chatfield township, Crawford county, O., whose well improved farm of 170 acres is situated in section 7, was born in this township, Feb. 26, 1868 and is a son of Peter Adam and Catherine (Fike) Bauer.

Peter Adam Bauer was born in Germany and probably was about 18 years of age when he came to the United States and in New York learned the shoemaking trade. After coming to Crawford county he followed his trade first in Lykens township and afterward in Chatfield township, in the latter also becoming a farmer. He bought 180 acres, on the most of which stumps were still standing, and after clearing up engaged in farming until he retired, after which he lived on a tract of 80 acres, adjoining on the east. He was a Democrat in politics but had no desire for public office. He died when aged 63 years, his widow living to the age of 72 years. They were members of the German Lutheran church and their burial was in the Windfall cemetery. Five children were born to them, namely: Elizabeth, who is the wife of Frank Lutz, residing in Chatfield township; Laura, now deceased, who was the wife of Fred Leonhart; Emma, who is the wife of Jacob F. Knecht, living in Chatfield township; William D.; and Louisa, who is the wife of Daniel Schimpf, of Chatfield township.

William D. Bauer attended school in Chatfield township and assisted his father, being the only son, and has always lived on the home farm which owes its fine improvements to him. It is well drained and tiled and all the

buildings now standing have been placed here by the present owner. General farming is carried on and some high grade stock and cattle are raised.

Mr. Bauer was married to Miss Malinda Knieriemen, a daughter of John and Rosetta (Koehler) Knieriemen, residents of New Washington, and four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Bauer; Edwin S., Clayson E., Hilda M. and Carl. Mr. Bauer and family are members of the German Lutheran church. In politics he is a stanch Democrat and he has served for five years on the school board and for several years has been road superintendent.

FRANK LEWES HOPLEY was born in Bucyrus Oct. 29, 1866, and has always made Bucyrus his home. He is one of the "live wires" of the town. He talks Bucyrus and works for Bucyrus with an ease and efficiency which have made him generally recognized as the leading "booster" of the city. His education was obtained at the Bucyrus public schools. Of a naturally bright mind, and being early introduced into the newspaper work because of association with the papers of his father and brother, he took much interest in, and gave great thought to the matter of effective advertising. His work for the Bucyrus Evening Telegraph was so markedly clever and excellent that Col. W. C. Lemert, head of the old Frey-Sheckler Company, employed him to take charge of the advertising end of that manufacturing business. He continued with the company when it became the American Clay Machinery Company, and he has studied and talked his line so persistently and with such good effect that his friends say he is all wrapped up in clay-working machinery and clay products in general. He believes in brick and originated a campaign of nation-wide scope which stimulated brick for building. He has great ability in other lines, and the productions of his pen have made popular many departments in his newspaper. In addition to his work as advertising manager of the American Clay Machinery Company, he was, in 1911, elected secretary and manager of the Clay Products Exposition at Chicago, and was one of those responsible for the tremendous success of that educational event. Being the first thing of the kind ever held in

this country it naturally required much originality of thought and intelligent direction to accomplish the success of the exposition which was held in March, 1912, and many of its attractive features were due to the efforts of Mr. Hopley. He was elected secretary and manager of the Clay Products movement for their second exposition to be given in February-March, 1913. Mr. Hopley is secretary of the Bucyrus Industrial Association, a position in which he has done much good for Bucyrus, and in fact in some campaigns for Bucyrus betterment he has mastered important affairs almost entirely alone. In early campaigns for more lawns, more trees, better walks and improved streets he gave direction to public thought to an extent that shows results in the beauty of the city of Bucyrus. It was through his individual initiative, persistent and intelligent effort that the Marion-Bucyrus electric railway was built and his energy and far-sighted enthusiasm bids fair to bring to Bucyrus other traction enterprises and other substantial advancements for the city. Mr. Hopley is unmarried.

GEORGE T. CARPENTER,* superintendent of the Burch Plow Works Co., at Crestline, O., has been identified with this important business concern, in one capacity or another, since 1891. He was born near Crestline, but in Richland county, O., June 28, 1866, and was only two years old when his parents, Jeremiah J. and Lydia (Fox) Carpenter, came to Crestline, the family moving on a farm in Jefferson township, two years later.

Jeremiah J. Carpenter was born also in Richland county, 72 years ago, and for 23 years has been in the woodwork department of the Burch Plow Works, being a skilled mechanic. He married Lydia Fox, who was born in 1839 and died in August, 1897. She was a member of the Presbyterian church, as is her husband. To them three sons and five daughters were born, as follows: Edwin B., who is employed in the Burch shops; George T.; and three daughters yet surviving, of whom we have no record, the others being deceased.

George T. Carpenter attended school and made himself useful at home until about 18 years of age when he went to the West and

spent about eight years working on railroads as brakeman and engineer, in several western states. When he returned to Crestline he accepted a minor position with the Burch Plow Works Company and has continued, being advanced from one position to the other and like his father and brother, is a practical mechanic. The combined years of service with this company of the three Carpenters, father and two sons, aggregate 66 years. When present plant was founded by Nicholas Burch but since January, 1896, the business has been conducted by the present management, Jacob Babst being president of the company, while Mr. Carpenter has entire control of all the departments, employment being given to from 43 to 45 men and no period of business depression has ever caused a closing of this plant.

Mr. Carpenter was married at Crestline to Miss Elizabeth Frye who was born at Mansfield, Feb. 9, 1874, a daughter of John and Anna (Pletcher) Frye, natives of Ohio. The father of Mrs. Carpenter died here when aged more than 60 years, but the mother still lives at Crestline. Politically he was a Democrat and he was a member of the Presbyterian church. Five children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Carpenter: Grace, who is 16 years of age, and who attends the High School; Helen, Mildred and Bertha, all of whom are in school; and Edna, who is aged two years. Mr. and Mrs. Carpenter attend the Presbyterian church. Politically he is a Republican, and for the past 16 years he has been identified with the fraternal order of Maccabees. One of the fundamental principles of success in any undertaking is assiduous application to hard work and this combined with technical knowledge, good judgment and firmness of character, have been valuable factors in keeping Mr. Carpenter in the responsible position which he has so long and capably filled.

WILLIAM A. McCLENATHAN, who is one of Galion's well known and highly esteemed retired citizens, was born Aug. 2, 1837, in what was then Marion county but is now Morrow county, O., a son of Samuel and Rachel C. (Dalruple) McClenathan, and a grandson of William McClenathan.

The McClenathan family originated in Ireland and prior to the Revolutionary War the

great-grandfather of William A. McClenathan came to America and became a resident of Berks county, Pa. He followed an agricultural life and lived on his farm in that fertile section of Pennsylvania until death, passing away when aged 80 years. The names of all of his children have not been preserved but one son named William and he became the grandfather of William A. McClenathan, of Galion, O. He was born in Dauphin county in 1780 and in early manhood married Mary Colson, who was born in Pennsylvania and was of English parentage. After marriage William McClenathan and wife moved to Washington county, where he entered 160 acres of Government land, improved the same after clearing it and there he and wife spent their lives. They were members of the Presbyterian church. Their family of eight sons and three daughters grew to mature years and all married and reared families of their own.

Samuel McClenathan, the eldest son of William and Mary McClenathan, was born in Amwell township, Washington county, Pa., Feb. 15, 1803, and grew to manhood on his father's farm. He married Rachel C. Dalryple, who was born in Amwell township, Washington county, in 1809, a member of an old New Jersey family that was of English ancestry. In 1832, Samuel McClenathan, wife and their one child, came to Ohio. He entered eighty acres of land in Marion county, purchased eighty more and an additional eighty acres in Richland county. He thus became a large landowner and engaged in farming during all his active life. He died on his well improved farm on the day following his 70th birthday. His widow survived some years longer, passing away in her 86th year. They were people who were held in high regard by all who knew them and were devoted members of the Presbyterian church. They were parents of the following children: Mary A., who married John Dalryple, a farmer residing in Kansas; William A.; Sarah E., who married Chester Rhodebeck, resides at West Point, Morrow county, and has three sons and two daughters, all of whom are married, and John McClenathan, who is a farmer in Morrow county and has a family of two sons and four daughters.

William A. McClenathan grew up on the old homestead and obtained his education in

the public schools. After his first marriage he located at Huntington, Ind., in 1862, and went into the furniture business, moving from there to Goshen in 1870, where he resided until 1890. He then sold out and traveled until 1896, when he returned to Ohio. For some years Mr. McClenathan has lived retired at Galion.

Mr. McClenathan was married first to Miss Martha A. Robinson, who was born in Morrow county, O., March 26, 1838, and died Jan. 24, 1885. She was the mother of the following children: Florence, who married and removed to Kansas and is now a resident of Topeka; John, who is connected with the U. S. Express Company, lives at Buffalo, N. Y., and has a family of two sons and two daughters; Nettie C., who married John B. Rust, of Elyria, O.; William S., who is a resident of Chicago, Ill., where he is secretary and treasurer of a labor organization; George F., who died at the age of one year; Ida, who married George Davison and is now deceased, being survived by one daughter; and Maybell B., who is the wife of Dr. J. W. Boss, of Birmingham, O., and mother of one son and one daughter.

After returning to Ohio following several years of absence, Mr. McClenathan was married to Miss Violet G. Iiams, who was born in Morrow county, O., Oct. 26, 1844, a daughter of Thomas and Mary (Hardesty) Iiams. The father of Mrs. McClenathan was born at Baltimore, Md., but was reared in Washington county, Pa., and died in Morrow county, Feb. 16, 1862, when aged 72 years. Mrs. McClenathan's mother was born in Belmont county, O., and lived to the unusual age of 101 years, seven months and twenty-seven days. Mr. and Mrs. Iiams were pioneers in Congress township, now Morrow county, and he developed a fine farm from an absolute wilderness. They had three sons and ten daughters born to them, all of whom survived early youth and four of whom are yet living. Mrs. McClenathan was reared in the Christian church, while Mr. McClenathan, like his parents, is a Presbyterian. He maintains an independent attitude in politics.

EDWIN DEISLER,* whose valuable farm of 50 acres lies in section 8, Chatfield township, Crawford county, O., has additional

business interests and is well known all through this section of Ohio. He was born in Seneca county, O., Nov. 12, 1862, and is a son of Conrad and Emeline Deisler, the former of whom died Jan. 5, 1912. The latter survives and resides at Attica, O.

Edwin Deisler was reared and attended school in Seneca county and engaged in business there for some years. On April 9, 1902 he came to Chatfield township and as a renter, settled on the Lutz farm, which property he subsequently bought from the Lutz estate. He is enterprising and progressive and soon began the improvements which make this one of the finest in this section, erecting a handsome, modern residence which stands one and one-half miles north of Chatfield on the east side of the Columbus turnpike road. His other buildings are of substantial construction, his land is drained by tiling and he has a fine silo, which adds materially to the success which attends his dairy enterprise, shipments of cream being made to Cleveland. He raises considerable stock all of excellent grade. Mr. Deisler has been in the threshing business for a number of years and in this enterprise owns, keeps in order and operates two traction engines, doing custom threshing all through this section in adjacent counties, and he also owns two hay balers and operates a saw mill. He is one of the busy men of the day and has always considered himself too fully occupied to accept political office, although he has been, practically, a lifelong Democrat and intelligently interested in public matters.

Mr. Deisler married Miss Lucinda Shellhorn, who was born in Chatfield township, a daughter of John Shellhorn, and they have three children: Lester, Hadee and Helen, all of whom were born in Seneca county. Mr. and Mrs. Deisler are members of the English Reformed church. He is identified with Lodge No. 651 Knights of Pythias, at New Washington.

CHALMER DEVOE MORGAN, M. D.,* specialist, is owner and proprietor of a finely equipped general hospital at Galion, O., and is an eminent practitioner in diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat, and a surgeon of such acknowledged skill that his reputation

extends all over the country. Dr. Morgan is a native of Ohio, born at Upper Sandusky, and is a son of Charles and Jennie E. (Henry) Morgan.

Charles Morgan was born in Wyandot county, O., Dec. 15, 1841, and died at Galion, Dec. 22, 1899. He was a prominent Republican and a leading Mason in the state and for some years was proprietor of the Central Hotel, at Galion. He married Jennie E. Henry, who was born and reared at Upper Sandusky, O., and died at Galion, June 8, 1909, when aged 64 years. She was a member of the Presbyterian church.

Following his graduation from the High School of Mt. Clemens, Mich., Chalmer D. Morgan kept right on with his studies, although he was almost entirely dependent upon his own efforts to secure further advantages, and succeeded in securing his M. A. degree at Ann Arbor, University of Michigan and later a degree from the Northern Ohio University at Ada, after which he pursued his medical studies and in the class of 1896 was graduated from Starling Medical College, Columbus, O. This, however, was merely a beginning as regards his medical education. He attended as a post graduate, the Physicians and Surgeons Medical College, Chicago, Ill., during 1898 and 1900; the Roosevelt Hospital, New York City, in 1901; the great schools of Vienna, Austria, in 1910; studied also at Guy's Hospital, London, England; the Berlin University, Germany; worked with those world-wide known surgeons at Rochester, Minn.; under Kelley at Baltimore, Md. and under Deaver, at Philadelphia. Dr. Morgan makes a specialty of major surgery.

After graduating and receiving his medical degree, Dr. Morgan bought the practice of Dr. Kelly, then a prominent practitioner at Galion, and shortly afterward founded his hospital, this being the first one established as such at Galion. Since then many changes have been made, its size has been more than doubled and its equipments brought up to the latest devices in hospital furnishings. The present large brick building utilized for hospital purposes is located at Nos. 227-229 Columbus street, Galion. Patients come from every part of the country and receive careful scientific attention and with such beneficial

results that Dr. Morgan's name has become as a household word in many families. Dr. Morgan has associated with him Dr. D. W. Brickley, a competent and experienced surgeon who had charge of the hospital after 1901 while Dr. Morgan was pursuing his investigations abroad. Dr. Morgan is a member of the American Medical Association and the state and county organizations, and for many years has been surgeon for the Big Four Railroad Company and the United States Marine Corps here.

At Findlay, O., Dr. Morgan was married to Miss Fannie E. Allie, who was born, reared and educated in that city. They have one daughter, Ruth Eleanor, who is a student in the Galion High School, preparatory to entering the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music, being a young lady with much talent in the direction of music. Dr. Morgan and family are members of the Presbyterian church. He is a Knight Templar Mason and a Shriner and belongs also to the Elks and the Knights of Pythias. Politically he is a Democrat.

HOWARD B. PORTER, whose exacting profession is that of a railroad engineer, has been so identified with the Pennsylvania Railroad Company since 1898, his first run being from Conway, Pa., to Crestline, O. Later he was given the coveted long run of 208 miles between Crestline and Pitcairn, Pa., which he has operated since June, 1910, being one of the first engineers to be entrusted with this duty. He was born at Canal Fulton, O., Nov. 8, 1864, and is a son of Richard A. and Sarah (Whitcraft) Porter.

The Parents of Mr. Porter were born and reared in the neighborhood of Lawrence township, Stark county, O., where they married. Richard A. Porter was a son of John and Mary (Scott) Porter, who came early to Stark county, from Pennsylvania. They settled on a farm in Lawrence township on which they died and the estate then came to their son, Richard A. Porter. The latter continued to live on the farm until 1909, when he sold it and retired to Canal Fulton. He is now living at the age of 84 years, though crippled as the result of a fall he had some months ago, at which time he broke his hip. His wife passed away April 3, 1901. She was, as he

is, a member of Presbyterian church. Of their children, one son, William O., was accidentally killed in a railroad accident, in April, 1902. Two daughters and one son, Howard B., survive.

Howard B. Porter was reared on the home farm above mentioned and remained there until he was 26 years old, when he came to Crestline and entered the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad. Like all his people he is well fitted physically for the strenuous life of a railroad man, being six feet in height and thus easily carries his weight of 208 pounds. He is one of the best known railroad men in his division and deserves the popularity he enjoys.

Mr. Porter was married near Fort Wayne, Ind., to Miss Emma Kline, who was born in Stark county, O., a daughter of Martin and Fannie (Wingeter) Kline, the latter of whom died when Mrs. Porter was young. The father of Mrs. Porter, formerly a farmer and merchant, now lives retired at Auburn, Ind., in his 70th year. Mr. and Mrs. Porter reside in their handsome residence which stands at No. 615 West Bucyrus street, which Mr. Porter erected in 1903. Mrs. Porter is a member of the Lutheran church. For many years he has been identified with the B. L. E. and belongs also to the Junior Order of American Mechanics and to the Protective Home Circle.

CARL M. BABST,* attorney at law and an active member of the bar at Crestline since 1901, was born in this city, Feb. 19, 1875, and is a son of Hon. Daniel Babst, the well known jurist.

After graduating from the Crestline High School, Carl M. Babst spent two terms at Oberlin College and two years at Kenyon College, and after returning to Crestline, read law in his father's office and at the same time engaged in civil engineering work, being chief engineer for the Street Railway Company between Mansfield and Galion. Since being admitted to the bar he has somewhat divided his time. He was elected a justice of the peace for a term of three years but resigned after serving for a time in order to accept engineering work with a construction company in the West, and since resuming practice is serving in his second term as city solicitor.

He is a prominent factor in Democratic politics and for ten years has served as a delegate to Congressional conventions, and at present holds position in county, city and ward.

In 1901, at Crestline, Mr. Babst was married to Miss Ellie A. Harworth, a daughter of Albert Harworth, of Crestline. Mr. and Mrs. Babst are members of the Episcopal church. He is a member of the Blue Lodge, F. & A. M. and Chapter at Lima, O., and the Commandery at Mansfield, the Elks at Bucyrus and the Eagles at Crestline. He has retained membership also with his Greek letter fraternity at Kenyon College.

LAFAYETTE YEAGLEY, secretary of the Crawford County Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Company, has devoted himself more or less exclusively to this important business enterprise since 1904, prior to which date, for some 20 years, being a teacher and a farmer. He is a native of Crawford county, born near Bucyrus in 1856.

Mr. Yeagley enjoyed only such educational advantages as the public schools afforded but reading an active intelligence early qualified him for work as a teacher and for two decades he devoted his winters to educational work, while his summers were spent in agricultural pursuits. In 1904 he left the farm and school room and accepted his present position which he has filled with efficiency ever since.

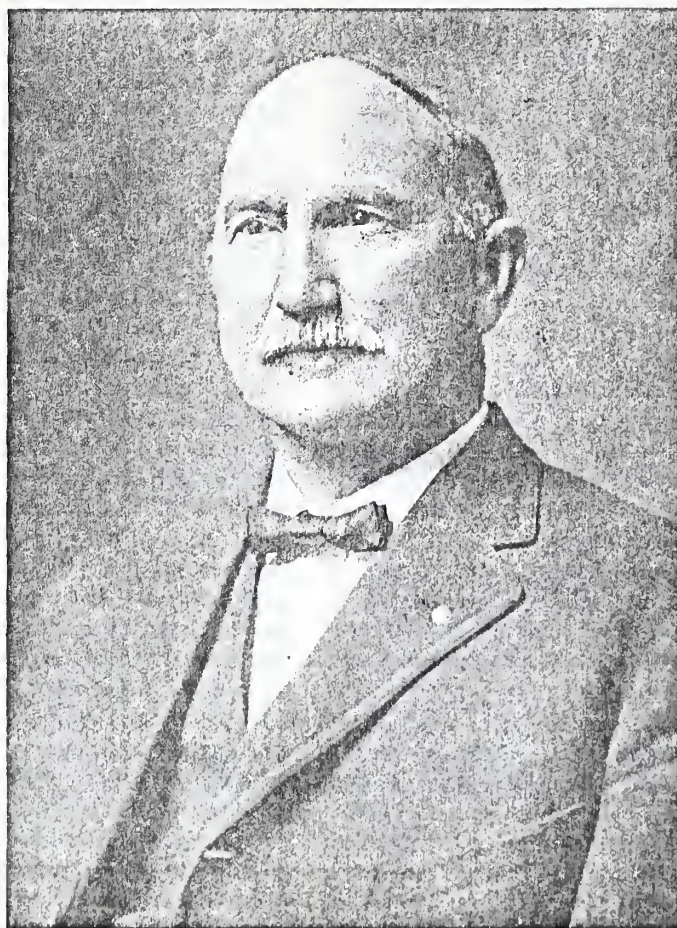
The Crawford County Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Company was organized and incorporated in 1877, under an act passed in March of that year. It is one of the substantial, sound and reliable companies of the state, giving insurance at a lower rate than any other company but having the financial backing and stringent laws together with admirable management, that makes this a great feature. Its officers are all dependable men, farmers with substantial properties. The president is Wesley Beal and vice president, Joseph H. Beard, while Mr. Yeagley is secretary and manages the affairs of the company from Bucyrus. The board of directors is made up of five farmers, there is one insurance adjuster and ten agents represent the company. The company has 6300 members, has issued 22,400 policies and has risks amounting to \$15,000,000.

Mr. Yeagley was married to Miss Jennie

Ross, who was born and reared in Bucyrus township. They have three children: Bertha M., who is the wife of D. C. Holtsberry, of Bucyrus, and has one daughter, Dorothy J.; Mabel A., who is the wife of C. H. Newmann, and has one son, Emerson; and Etha A., who is the wife of Charles Schmidt, a druggist of Marion, O. Politically Mr. Yeagley is a Republican and was candidate for mayor on the Reform ticket, but Bucyrus is largely Democratic and he was defeated by a small majority. As an able business man and public spirited citizen he is well qualified for any office. Mr. Yeagley is a Knight Templar Mason, belonging to the Commandery at Marion, O., and is past master of the Blue Lodge at Bucyrus. Both he and wife are active in the Methodist Episcopal church and he is financial secretary and a steward in the same. The family takes part in the pleasant social life that a large contingent of intellectual, earnest and cultured people make possible in this city.

ERWIN S. BAGLEY, freight and station agent for the Big Four Railway at Crestline, O., locally known as the Cleveland Division, has been connected with this road at this point since August, 1866, occupying the same quarters. From 1866 until 1875, he was a clerk and was then advanced to his present position. He was born in Clinton county, N. Y., Oct. 19, 1852, and is a son of William W. and Agnes (Richmond) Bagley.

William W. Bagley was born in Vermont, a direct descendant of a Revolutionary soldier. He was married in his native state to Agnes Richmond, who was of Scotch descent. In the early fifties he was connected with the Central Ohio Railway Company at Zanesville and Columbus, and in 1861 he came to Crestline to assume the duties of agent for the C. C. & C. Railroad, now the Big Four, and all through that period during which Crestline was one of the leading railroad centers of the country, he served as freight and passenger agent here. He died in 1866, when aged forty-two years. During the Civil War he was an outspoken Union man and more than once his life and liberty were threatened by Northern sympathizers with the secessionists of the South, but he possessed moral as well as physical courage and never retracted or disguised his opinions. He attended the Pres-



LAFAYETTE YEAGLEY

byterian church with his wife. She survived him many years, her death occurring at Crestline in February, 1909, when her age was 81 years, she at that time being one of the oldest residents. Of their family of four sons, Erwin S. was the eldest, the others being: James E., who makes his home at Washington, D. C., and who is prominent in musical circles; Frank J., traveling auditor for the Big Four Railroad, who resides at Indianapolis, Ind., married Emma, daughter of George Stull, of Crestline; and William H., who has charge of Standard Oil interests at Tulsa, Okla., and has two children.

Erwin S. Bagley, since he was fourteen years of age has been identified with railroad affairs and with his present company and has practically grown up with it, and with almost a proprietary interest has watched the wonderful growth and extension of this system. Changes has come about, new roads have been constructed, other transportation lines have to some degree relieved Crestline traffic but the road itself has made wonderful progress. No one is better informed concerning all this than Mr. Bagley. After his father's death George H. Lee succeeded as agent, he being a son of the late Judge Lee. Mr. Lee continued in the office until 1875, when he was promoted and sent to Indianapolis and subsequently to Columbus, where his death occurred after his retirement, a man well known in railroad circles. Mr. Bagley succeeded Mr. Lee. He has been a resident of Crestline since he was ten years old, completing his education here and subsequently identifying himself with the best interests of this city, marrying her and investing in property. He stands as one of the stable, reliable and representative citizens, for ten years serving on the board of equalization and cheerfully bearing all the responsibilities which provide for the enjoyment of the privileges of high class citizenship.

At Crestline Mr. Bagley was married, in 1880, to Miss Ione Reynolds, a daughter of F. B. and Margaret (Gauweiler) Reynolds. The parents of Mrs. Bagley were married in Morrow county, O., and came to Crestline in 1873, where the father died, the mother still surviving. Mr. and Mrs. Bagley have one son, Erwin E., who is a graduate of the Crest-

line High School and is his father's chief clerk. He married Miss Jennie Lolcus of Crestline and they have two children; Edwin M. and Marion L. The family belongs to the Presbyterian church.

JACOB BABST, sole proprietor and cashier of the Babst Banking House, at Crestline, O., is one of the prominent and progressive men of this city, his intimate connection with the banking interests of this part of the state, making him influential in financial affairs, while, additionally he is identified with all those movements which contribute to the substantial advancement of this section along other lines. He was born at Canal Fulton, in Stark county, O., Feb. 11, 1846, and is a son of Daniel Babst, who founded the Babst Banking House, in May, 1871.

Jacob Babst came to Crestline with his parents, in 1853 and has resided here ever since. After his school days were over he learned the trade of a tinner, and as a journeyman traveled all over several states. In 1862 he was with the Pennsylvania Railroad Company and at the end of 12 months was offered an engine but declined the promotion, by the advice of his parents and continued work at his trade until January, 1867. In January, 1868, he went into the stove and tinning business and was thus occupied for three years. He then in May, 1871, became connected with his father's banking house. The father conducted the business for seven years, with Jacob Babst as cashier and in 1878, Jacob and Daniel Babst, Jr., took charge of the bank, Jacob continuing as cashier, and they operated it together until 1886, when he became sole proprietor, retaining the old name and signing, Jacob Babst, Banker. Mr. Babst has many additional business interests. He is president of the Burch Plow Works, started in 1887 and incorporated in 1897; president of the Crestline Telephone Company, since its incorporation in 1902; treasurer of the Crestline Building & Loan Association since its incorporation in 1891, treasurer of the Crestline Manufacturing Company, an enterprise eight years old; a director of the Crestline Publishing Company for many years; and a director and member of the executive committee of the Ohio State Life Insurance Company, of Columbus, O., which has

resources amounting to half a million dollars. In politics, Mr. Babst is a Republican and is a member of the Crawford County Executive Committee and many times has been a delegate to important conventions. He has taken an active part in shaping public sentiment when the welfare of the city has been at stake, and is a representative of the best type of citizen.

Mr. Babst has been identified with the Masonic order since 1868 and also belongs to the Order of Elks. He has long been a member and trustee of the Presbyterian church. He is a thorough master of every detail of his many business interests and yet finds time to keep in touch with the life of the outside world, doing his part and bearing his share of responsibility in making life better and of fuller meaning than the ordinary individual who works only for selfish ends ever understands.

Mrs. Jacob Babst was a daughter of George Frederick and Caroline Stoll the seventh of a family of twelve children, being born at Upper Sandusky, March 20, 1848 and christened Mathilde Caroline Stoll. Her father and mother were natives of Germany and came to America in 1832, after three months' sailing voyages. From New York they drove over the mountains to Pittsburgh, Pa., where they remained a short time before again taking up their migration to Ohio, which they did in 1838, finally settling with other members of the Stoll family at Upper Sandusky.

Her father was a man of prominence among the pioneers of Wyandot and Crawford counties, not only as the builder of the earliest public buildings, but as a leader in public and religious affairs. He was an accomplished musician and possessed one of the few collections of books among the pioneers of the thirties. During the earlier years of Mrs. Babst's childhood at Upper Sandusky, some of the Wyandot Indians were still a part of the community life. Her father's home, with its own large family, was the center of a still larger family circle long prominent in both counties.

Such was the childhood and girlhood surroundings of Mrs. Babst, much of which she passed in the companionship of her father, who inspired her with a desire for reading and education, which may be said to be the dominant purpose which influenced her entire life. Her

own education was obtained in the Bucyrus union schools, where she became a teacher, as well as later teaching in the district schools of the county. Upon the death of her father in 1867 she became a teacher in the Crestline union schools, resigning her place to marry Jacob Babst of Crestline, on April 22, 1869.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Babst resided in Crestline continuously, with the exception of the year 1872, when they were residents of Berea, Ohio, where Mr. Babst went to found the first bank of that town. Mrs. Babst died at Crestline on April 30, 1912, survived by her husband and their three children—Earl D., Jessie B. and Bertha S. Earl D. Babst, born July 6, 1870, graduated in law at Ann Arbor, Mich., in the class of 1894, and is now general counsel for the National Biscuit Company, of New York. He married Edwina Uhl, daughter of Edward F. Uhl, a prominent citizen of Grand Rapids, Mich., who was ambassador to Germany under President Cleveland's administration. Mr. and Mrs. Earl D. Babst have two children—Catherine De Gormo and Alice Edwina.

Jesse B. Babst, born March 2, 1871, is the wife of Harry H. Cockley, formerly Secretary of the Shelby Tube Company, of Shelby, Ohio, but who is now engaged in the orange growing industry at Nordhoff, California. They have three children—Harriet B., Edith P. and Clayton B.

Bertha S. Babst, born December 6, 1878, was educated at Detroit, Mich. She married Henry E. Freeman, who is secretary and treasurer of the American Trust and Banking Company of Springfield, Ohio, and now resides in that city.

Mrs. Babst never tired of her kindly interest in young people and, in addition to maintaining a generous hospitality for the wide circle of personal and family friends, always found opportunity for stimulating others, especially young people, with an interest in literary and historical subjects. Her own children, under her immediate supervision, received their education in the Crestline public schools, and afterwards in the University of Michigan, for her son, and in the best girls' boarding schools of the larger cities for her daughters, supplemented by European travel.

As a member of the Presbyterian church of Crestline, she took an active interest in the

work of foreign missions and for many years took a leading part as an officer of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Bellefontaine Presbytery, reading many original papers, based on wide reading and requiring technical, historical and literary research.

As the constant companion and advisor of her husband through forty-three years of married life, in which he was the recognized leader in Crestline financial and commercial enterprises, she won wide respect and admiration, worthy of her inheritance. In the remembrance of her high ideals, her work for church and missions, her devotion to family and friends, there is an inspiration and example, which will long stimulate all who knew her forceful and commanding character. So high was the affection and esteem in which she was held that on the day of her funeral, for the only time in the history of Crestline, every business house was closed out of respect to her memory.

CHARLES M. HERSHNER,* stock dealer and livery man, conducting sales stables in the old Sam Hedrick barns, on Liberty Street, Galion, O., has been established here since 1897 and does a large business along each line. He was born in Morrow county, O., June 4, 1886, a son of Jacob and a grandson of Andrew Hershner.

Andrew Hershner was born in Pennsylvania and when he came to Morrow county, O., secured virgin land in Troy township, which he developed into a valuable farm, on which he died in his 86th year. In early life he was a school teacher. He married Mary Edinger, who died in Morrow county when aged 70 years. They were members of the United Brethren church. Of their nine children seven still survive.

Jacob Hershner was born in Troy township, Morrow county and spent his whole life on the old homestead there, where he died in 1905, when aged 56 years. He was a successful farmer and dealt in stock. He married Emma McCune, who was born in Morrow county, a daughter of Joseph McCune, the family being of Scotch ancestry. She died on the old homestead in 1899. They had three children: Charles M.; Bert, a street car conductor living at Columbus, who married there and has

one son, Avery; and Verda, now deceased, who was the wife of Irvin Colver.

Charles M. Hershner was reared on the home farm and before he reached his majority had proved a shrewd stock dealer and carried on a large business in handling stock while he still made his headquarters on the farm. Since coming to Galion he had added other business features and conducts one of the best livery stables in this section, having fifteen horses with complete outfits, together with all kinds of modern conveyances for hire. He has become one of the representative business men of the city.

Mr. Hershner was married in Troy township, Morrow county, to Miss Emma Meckley, who was born there and was a daughter of Andrew Meckley, who is one of the substantial farmers of Troy township, now in his 70th year. Mrs. Hershner died at Galion, Dec. 10, 1908, and is survived by two children: M. Adelaide, who is nine years old, and Laura M., who is in her seventh year, both little maidens being pupils in the public schools. Politically Mr. Hershner is a Democrat and fraternally is identified with the Elks and the Eagles.

EDWARD LIBINS,* bank clerk for the Babst Banking House at Crestline, O., was born in this city, Jan. 24, 1874, and is a son of John and Margaret (Kile) Libins.

John Libins was born in Germany and came to the United States in early manhood, locating at first in Maryland, where he married Margaret Kile. Some years later they came to Crestline, O., where John Libins died when aged about 45 years. His widow survives. They were members of the English Lutheran church. Six of their children survive, four of whom are married and all but one reside at Crestline.

Edward Libins obtained his education in the public schools and then became an employe of the Babst Banking House where he has continued for 23 years and is bookkeeper for the bank. He is held in high esteem by Mr. Babst who has watched his upward rise with interest and is not slow in showing appreciation of the honesty and fidelity of those in whom he feels he can repose the utmost confidence, Mr. Libins being one of these.

Mr. Libins married Miss Margaret E. Pow-

ell, who was born and educated in Morrow county, O., and they have one daughter, Marian K., who was born March 23, 1907, at Crestline. Mr. and Mrs. Libins are members of the Presbyterian church. He holds an independent attitude as to politics.

WILBUR GRIFFETH, a successful business man of Crestline, O., has been a dealer in livestock for the past 20 years and for the past eight years has also conducted a meat market in this city. He was born at Plymouth, O., was reared and educated there and some 13 years since came to near Crestline.

Levi Griffeth, father of Wilbur, was of Welsh ancestry, and lived on the farm in Ohio on which he was born and died there in 1899, when aged 73 years. He married Nancy Kelley, who was born at Plymouth, O., of Irish parents, and died when aged 63 years. They had four children: Ida, who died at Tiffin, O., who was the wife of Harold B. Adams; Wilbur, our subject; Benjamin F., a Baptist minister located at Granville, O., who has two daughters and one son; and Charles, who owns and operates the old home farm, and who has one son.

Mr. Griffeth owns a farm near Crestline and on that is located his slaughter house. He has been interested in the livestock business almost his entire active life and at times has shipped as much as a car load a week. He maintains his home on his farm which he carefully cultivates in addition to attending to his other business.

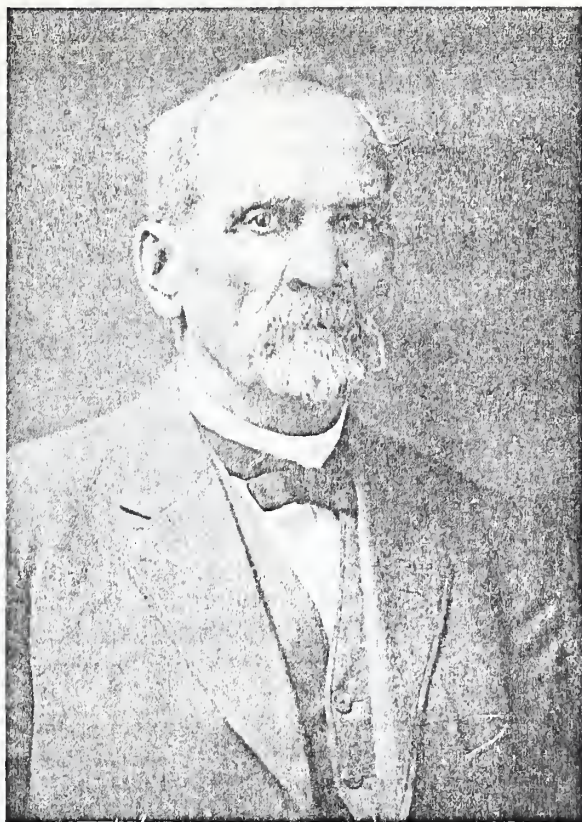
At Plymouth, O., Mr. Griffeth was married to Miss Phebe Smith, who was born at Crestline but was reared and educated at Plymouth, a daughter of Charles J. and Mary (Taylor) Smith. Mr. Smith was an engineer on the Pennsylvania Railroad for some years and then engaged in farming and died at Plymouth, O., at the age of 73 years, being still survived by his widow, who is now in her 72nd year. Mr. and Mrs. Griffeth have one daughter, Ruth M., who was educated at Crestline and resides with her parents. In politics Mr. Griffeth is a Democrat but is no seeker for office. He is identified with the Knights of Pythias at Crestline.

JOHN L. HAZLETT,* one of Crestline's best known citizens, for many years a rail-

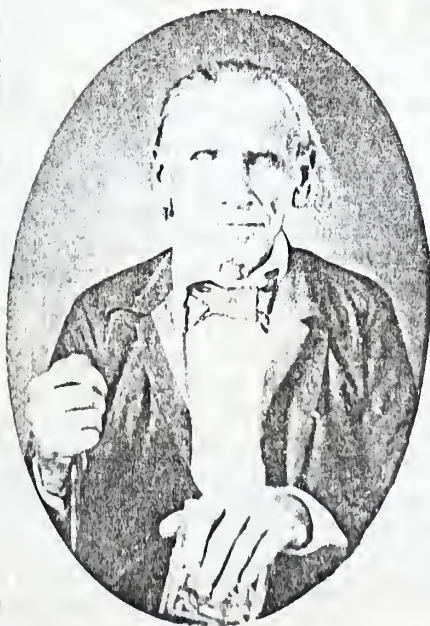
road engineer and a veteran officer of the great Civil War, was born in County Derry, Ireland, in May, 1844. Mr. Hazlett can recall nothing of his very early life, his father dying when he was very young and his mother coming to the United States shortly afterward. He was reared by an uncle, with whom he remained until he was sixteen years of age, when he came to America and joined his mother, that being his earliest recollection of her. Landing at Philadelphia, Pa., he went to his mother at Wilmington, Dela. Later in life she came to Ohio and died in advanced age, in Perry County.

In 1860 Mr. Hazlett came to Crestline, O., and entered the service of the Pennsylvania Railway. On October 6, 1861, he enlisted for service in the Civil War, entering Co. K, 64th O. Vol. Inf., and was honorably discharged in January, 1866, having been made a veteran by re-enlistment in 1864, his rank being sergeant and orderly sergeant. He may well be proud of his record which shows him to have been a courageous, cheerful, obedient and active soldier, ever at the post of duty and uncomplainingly bearing the many hardships which fall to a soldier's lot. He was in the entire campaign from Shiloh to Nashville and the names of the historic battlefields are very familiar to him, his memory recalling their dangers, terrors and triumphs as he fought on their sites. He was never captured and but once was wounded, that being by a minie ball in the hip at the battle of Chickamauga. On many occasions he won hearty commendation from his superior officers, one of these being Captain, now General E. B. Finley, of Bucyrus. After the war closed Sergeant Hazlett returned to Crestline and resumed work with the railroads, becoming an engineer, and thus remaining until he was retired.

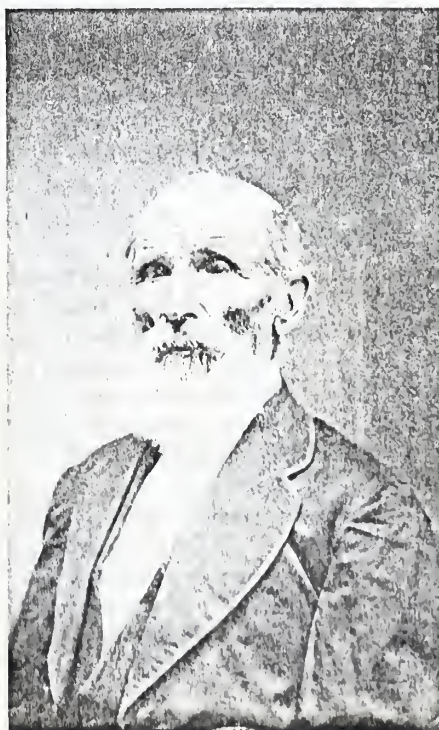
At Crestline, Mr. Hazlett was married to Miss Susan Fate, who was born in Crawford County, February 22, 1846, was reared in Jackson township, a daughter of John and Elizabeth (Baker) Fate. Her father was of German extraction but was born in Pennsylvania, while her mother was born in Baden, Germany. At the age of sixteen years Elizabeth Baker accompanied her parents to Richland county, O. She was married at Crestline to John Fate and they secured and improved land in Jackson township, where both



GEORGE W. ALBRIGHT



DANIEL ALBRIGHT



JOSEPH ALBRIGHT

died. They were among the charter members of the German Lutheran church in Jackson township but later in life united with the Methodists. Of their eight children three are yet living, one of these being Mrs. Hazlett. To Mr. and Mrs. Hazlett four children were born, namely: Charles, who is a railway conductor residing at Newark, O., married and has one daughter, Florence; Orlando J., who is a conductor with the Santa Fe line, lives in New Mexico, and has two children—Nellie M. and Beatrice; Huldah V., who is the wife of Bruce Frank, who is a railroad man in California, and has two sons—Carl W. and Charles H.; and August, who died when about five years old. Mr. Hazlett is a member of Snyder Post No. 129, G. A. R. Mrs. Hazlett tells in a very interesting manner of the building up of Crestline and relates many incidents connected with railroad building in this section, her memory going back to the commencement of these great industrial developments.

GEORGE W. ALBRIGHT, a retired farmer and highly esteemed citizen of Bucyrus, O., was born in Whetstone township, Crawford county, O., May 15, 1842, and is a son of Joseph Albright and a grandson of Daniel Albright.

Daniel Albright was born in Berkes county, Pa., about 1776, and was a brother of Rev. Jacob Albright, who was the founder of the religious body known as the Albright Methodists, which, to all intents and purposes, is now the Evangelical church and numbers many thousand in its membership. The father of Daniel and Rev. Jacob Albright, was born in Germany and he was the first of the family to come to America. He settled in Pennsylvania and died there in old age. Daniel Albright learned the brickmaking trade and also engaged in farming. He married Esther Wagner, who belonged to another old German family of Pennsylvania, and afterward resided in Berks and Juniata counties, Pa. From Pennsylvania Daniel Albright and family, in 1813, moved to Ohio, bringing their household possessions with them in wagons, and made settlement on new land near New Lisbon, Columbiana county, O. There he followed the trade of brickmaking and there the wife died, his death taking place in Crawford county.

Joseph Albright, son of Daniel Albright, was born in Juniata county, Pa., May 15, 1801 and thus was 12 years old when the family reached Ohio. In 1829, after marriage, he left Columbiana county and came to Crawford county, bringing his wife and their one child, together with an eight-day clock and another cherished piece of furniture, in an ox-cart. He purchased 20 acres of land of James Scott, who had secured great tracts of Government land at an early day, paying the sum of \$100 for the same. Here he started a brickyard and manufactured the first bricks ever made in Crawford county, and sold the first bricks used in the construction of the old Boyer residence, which is now within the city limits. It is now the property of the Crawford County Agricultural Society. Subsequently Joseph Albright purchased 20 additional acres of land and still later, 40 more acres, and this continued to be his home until the close of his life, his death occurring May 27, 1884. He had also, at times, bought timbered tracts which were very valuable. After 1840 he devoted his attention to farming and stock raising. In early life he was a Whig but later became a Republican. All his life he was a man of sterling character and after he experienced religion, at a religious gathering held under an oak tree on his own farm, was a consistent member of the Albright Methodist body and did much to advance its work in this section. At his hearthstone all the preachers were welcome and when they went on their missionary way it was not only with his assurances of good will but with substantial assistance that often was sadly needed.

About 1828 Joseph Albright was married in Columbiana county, O., to Hannah Jury, who was born March 1, 1812, a daughter of Silas and Anna (Thorp) Jury, of Welsh ancestry but natives of Virginia. Silas Jury died in his native state and his widow married a Mr. Banks and they moved to Crawford county, O. Mrs. Albright died Oct. 4, 1890. To Joseph and Hannah Albright the following children were born: Sarah A., deceased, who was the wife of D. J. Sheckler, also deceased; Daniel B., deceased, who was survived by two sons and two daughters—Charles, James, Cora and Flora; Emanuel, deceased, who was a farmer and was survived by nine children—

William, Joseph, George, Mary, Gertrude, Grace, Nellie, Fred and Margaret; Hester A., deceased, who is survived by her husband, James Ludwig, and who was the mother of an infant, also deceased; Joseph, Jr., who is a resident of South Bend, Ind., and has three sons and one daughter—Edwin, Zuah, Silas and Bertrum; George W., whose name heads this sketch; John Thompson, who is a farmer in Holmes township, Crawford county and has three children—Franklin, Anna, deceased, and Hannah; Marcia, deceased, who was the wife of W. T. Minnich, of Bucyrus, and has one child, Orris; Hannah, who is the wife of W. C. Kelly, of Bucyrus, and has three children—Hetty, Clarence and Bessie; and Frank, who resides at Bucyrus and has one son and one daughter—Cassius and Desdemonia.

George W. Albright was reared on the old home place and the larger part of the homestead finally became his own property. He engaged there in agricultural pursuits until 1910, when he retired to Bucyrus and in the following year erected his fine business block on South Sandusky street, his residence being at No. 210 on the same thoroughfare. Mr. Albright is independent in his political sentiments to a large degree but nominally is a Republican.

Mr. Albright was married in Whetstone township, Crawford county, in 1866, to Miss Jemima Scott, who was born in that township, Jan. 22, 1845, and is a daughter of James Scott and a granddaughter of James Scott.

James Scott, the grandfather of Mrs. Albright, was born in Pennsylvania and was there married to Esther Halstead, and in 1822, with their family they came to Crawford county, making the long overland journey in the great covered wagons drawn by oxen. In Crawford county James Scott entered 320 acres of Government land and it was from this far-sighted pioneer that Joseph Albright bought his first 20 acres of land. On this tract Mr. Scott developed a fine farm, made all necessary improvements and lived long enough to enjoy them, passing away when aged 60 years. His widow lived to be 72 years of age.

James Scott, Jr., son of James and father of Mrs. Albright, was born about 1796, near Wilkesbarre, Pa., and died in 1851. He accompanied his parents to Ohio and in Holmes

township, Crawford county, was married to Caroline Martin. She was born in 1816, in England and in 1822 accompanied her parents to the United States and to Crawford county, O. They were James and Sarah (Hawks) Martin, the former of whom was born in Ireland and when 16 years of age made his way to England. There he entered the British Navy and while serving for 14 years as a sailor, through his own efforts acquired a good education and became a man of religious conviction. When he came to Crawford county he settled in Holmes township, on what is now the Gephart estate. He taught school and also was a preacher for a time and was one of the first auditors of Crawford county. He died when aged 66 years and was survived by his wife for eight years. After the death of James Scott Mrs. Scott married James Boner and died in Crawford county at the age of 48 years, Mr. Boner subsequently passing away at the home of a daughter, by a previous marriage. Mrs. Albright has one brother, Joseph Martin Scott, who resides with his family on his farm in Holmes township.

Six children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Albright: Georgianna, a popular teacher, who was educated in the schools of Bucyrus and at Berea College; Grace, who died at the age of 38 years, unmarried, a highly educated, cultured woman and a graduate of Baldwin University and of the Northwestern University, Chicago, Ill.; Mercy, who died at the age of 27 years, was also highly educated and a college graduate; Silas J., who died in infancy; Carrie, who is the wife of Forest R. McFarland; and Roscoe D., who died at the age of 14 years.

Mr. and Mrs. Albright and all their children have been members of the Methodist Episcopal church and active and interested workers. Mr. Albright was a charter member of the old order of Patrons of Husbandry, in Whetstone township, Crawford county.

CHARLES GALLINGER. Among the lawyers of Crawford county Charles Gallinger stands as one of the most successful. He has won his standing at the bar by his careful attention to the legal phases of his cases and by bringing to his work an understanding of right and justice which enable him to make

convincing arguments and to present his cases either to court or jury in a thoroughly convincing way.

Charles Gallinger was born near Wingert's Corners, in Lykins township, Crawford county, Ohio, on June 26th, 1869. His parents were Philip and Louisa (Angene) Gallinger. His father was a Bavarian, and his mother was born in French (now German) territory. His father died in 1879, and his mother in 1905. The parents are interred in the Brokenword Cemetery.

Charles Gallinger is the youngest of five children, all living. He received a common school education, and was an applicant for a teacher's certificate when only 13 years old, but was refused a certificate on account of his age; he secured one the following year, however, when H. J. Tracht, Reuben Stahle and J. F. Kimerline were the county school examiners. He regularly attended each annual county examination, securing certificates, although he did not teach school until he was 18 years of age when he taught his home school three consecutive terms. Immediately thereafter he attended the Ohio Normal University at Ada, Ohio, for one year, at the end of which time he returned home for want of funds with which to complete a collegiate course, and while at home he continued to assist his brother on the farm, reading law during his spare hours. In September, 1893, he came to Bucyrus and commenced reading law in the office of Finley & Bennett, and in the following June he passed the law examination and was admitted to the bar at Columbus, standing third highest in a class of 63 applicants.

He did not commence the practice of law until December, 1896, when he started alone, but two months thereafter, on the expiration of the term of Gen. E. B. Finley as Circuit Judge, a partnership was formed under the name of Finley & Gallinger, which has continued ever since in the legal practice in all the courts, State and Federal.

In 1900 Mr. Gallinger was elected Prosecuting Attorney of Crawford county, and held the office for six years. He has been an indefatigable worker in his chosen profession and has built up a large and very lucrative practice. He has been engaged in some of the most important cases in the courts, and his firm is

counsel for the New York Central lines in the county, and for a great many of the leading manufacturing plants.

Mr. Gallinger brought to his chosen profession a natural love for study and the mastery of intricate problems. It was by conscientious devotion to a study of the principles of law that he has been able to attain and hold the high position as a practicing attorney. He gives to every case a care and determination to win which have naturally resulted to the advantage of his clients and he has won success for them by understanding their cases and applying his legal talents for their benefit.

Mr. Gallinger was married July 14, 1903, to Miss Clara Hoffman, daughter of John and Anna (Burns) Hoffman, and she has been active in good works in and for the upbuilding of Bucyrus, her work as head of the Kings Daughters being especially noteworthy. Mr. Gallinger has always taken a firm stand in helping his home town and with both counsel and cash he willingly helps the city.

JOHN H. SHEETZ, cashier of the Farmers Exchange Bank, of New Washington, O., is a member of one of the old and substantial families of Crawford County, one that has been identified with many leading interests and activities of this section. Mr. Sheetz was born at New Washington, Ohio, August 29, 1852, a son of John A. and Margaret (Dommenwirth) Sheetz.

John A. Sheetz was born in Wuerttemberg, Germany, Sept. 6, 1809. In 1830 he came to America, landing in New York City. From New York he went to Columbiana County, Ohio. For several years he was employed as a farm hand and at various occupations which would yield him an honest living, receiving but six dollars per month in the first capacity. From Columbiana County he went to Dayton, Ohio. About 1835 he came to Crawford County to visit his sister and while here became so favorably impressed with the agricultural possibilities of this section that he bought ninety acres of land situated in Auburn Township which tract includes the present site of the village of Waynesburg. He erected a log cabin and began the task of clearing his land and cultivating crops. John A. Sheetz was a man of enterprise and became one of local

importance. He was the first postmaster at New Washington and for several years prior to the establishment of the office here, carried the mails, once a week walking to a point four miles west of the village to meet the stage, its route not taking in New Washington. During his later years he was engaged in the mercantile business at New Washington. He was a sturdy, honest, self-reliant man, whose whole life was an exemplification of the meritorious qualities which belong to the race from which he came.

At Dayton, Ohio, John A. Sheetz was married in May, 1836, to Margaret Weisenbacher, who died in July following. In October, 1837, he was married secondly to Margaret Weaver, who was born in Auburn township, Crawford County, and lived but a little over one year after marriage, being survived by a daughter, Catharine Agatha, who is the wife of William H. Donnenwirth, of Canton, Ohio. His third marriage took place at New Washington, Ohio, in 1842, with Mrs. Margaret (Donnenwirth) Hesse, daughter of George Donnenwirth and widow of Ehregott Hesse. Mrs. Sheetz was born in Alsace, Germany. Her first husband was a merchant at New Washington, and after his death she continued in the business until after her marriage with Mr. Sheetz, when he took charge of the same and carried it on until 1866, when his son Jacob became a partner under the firm name of John A. Sheetz and Son. In 1876 he went into the banking business, in which he remained until his death, which occurred Dec. 7, 1889. To the above marriage six children were born, four of whom are yet living, namely: Jacob, president of the Farmers Exchange Bank of New Washington, Ohio; Caroline, the wife of John L. Assenheimer, of Bucyrus, Ohio; John H. Sheetz, cashier of the Farmers Exchange Bank, and Louisa P., widow of the late John M. Guiss, of New Washington, Ohio.

John H. Sheetz attended the public schools at New Washington, and later at Oberlin College. He learned the principles of banking at Mt. Union business college, Mt. Union, Ohio, where he took a business course. During the last two years of his school life he spent the summer months on his father's farm. Agricultural pursuits being congenial to him, he desired to engage in farming, but in 1872 at

the earnest solicitation of his father, he became a clerk in the latter's store and served in that capacity until 1874, when he purchased his father's interest in the business and became a partner of his brother Jacob, under the firm name of Jacob Sheetz and Brother. This firm continued in business until 1904, when they sold their stock of goods to William Foos.

In 1876 the Farmers Exchange Bank was organized and our subject became cashier and financial-manager. The success of the bank is largely due to his efforts, which have resulted in making this one of the leading financial institutions of the county. On Oct. 2, 1889, he was married to Miss Theresia W. Michaelis, who was born at Bucyrus, Ohio, and is a daughter of Rev. August Michaelis. The latter was born in Prussia and came to America about 1840, when a young man, subsequently entering the ministry of the Lutheran Church. To John H. Sheetz and wife the following children were born: John A., who is a student at Capital University, Columbus, O., a member of the class of 1913; and Walter F., who is attending the same educational institution and is a member of the class of 1915, both promising students and fine types of young American manhood. In addition to his banking interests, Mr. Sheetz is a director in the New Washington Lumber and Manufacturing Company. He is a member of the Lutheran Church. In political sentiment he is a Democrat.

FARMERS EXCHANGE BANK, of New Washington, O., was organized in 1876 and thus is one of the oldest financial institutions of the county and has enjoyed unusual prosperity. Its officers were: John A. Sheetz, president; Jacob Sheetz, vice president; and John H. Sheetz, cashier, and this board continued to operate the bank until the death of John A. Sheetz in 1889. The business was then reorganized with Jacob Sheetz as president; John M. Guiss, vice president, and John H. Sheetz, cashier, the directors and stockholders, in addition to the officers, being Mrs. Margaret Sheetz and Mrs. Louisa P. Guiss. The death of John M. Guiss in 1910 and of Mrs. Margaret Sheetz in 1892, called for changes and accordingly Jacob Sheetz continued as presi-

dent, Mrs. Louisa P. Guiss became vice president, John H. Sheetz continued as cashier; George H. Seitter became assistant cashier in 1901 and in 1910 Miss Ida L. Kimerline became bookkeeper.

This bank was organized with a capital stock of \$25,000.00. It now has a surplus account of \$25,000.00 and its undivided profits aggregate \$10,082.71.

The earliest location of the bank was in the back part of the J. Sheetz & Bro. store, which mercantile business was sold in 1904 to William Foos, and in 1905 the present commodious and modern bank building was erected. Its dimensions are 25x64 feet, two stories high, of brick construction, the entire first floor being devoted to the banking departments and the second floor occupied by the local telephone exchange and by tenants. The bank is equipped with a burglar and fire proof vault, with inside dimensions of 7x11 feet and an automatic time-lock door weighing three tons. Conveniences for the patrons of the bank have also been provided and the interests of all customers are carefully conserved. The officers of the concern are members of the American Bankers' Association; the Ohio Bankers' Association, and of the Ohio Private Bankers' Association.

GEORGE A. BRAUSE,* who owns 705 acres of land in Lykens township, Crawford county, was born in this township, May 20, 1855, a son of Rudolph and Catherine (Klink) Brause.

Rudolph Brause was a native of Germany but at the age of six years came to the United States and in 1830 located in Lykens township, Crawford county, where he became a well known farmer. He married, as before intimated, Catherine Klink, who was also born in Germany, in Wurtemberg, and who at the age of six years came with her parents to the United States, they in 1828 settling in Liberty township, Crawford county. To Rudolph Brause and his wife were born the following children: Caroline, who died when aged 21 years; George A.; John; Fidelia, deceased, who was the wife of Jacob Zeigler; Willis H., a resident of Lykens township; and Emma, who died when aged 46 years. Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Brause belonged to the Lutheran church.

George A. Brause received his educational training in the common schools of Lykens township and then turned his attention to farming. He at first assisted his father in the cultivation of the home place, but when he was 25 years of age he had through his industry and frugality acquired enough capital to be able to purchase a tract of 80 acres with but little help from his parents. To this tract he has added until he now has 705 acres of valuable land, on which he carries on general farming along scientific lines, also raising some stock.

On February 12, 1889, Mr. Brause was united in marriage to Miss Mary Anna Green, who was born in Chatfield township, this county. Her parents, Jacob and Magdalena (Drefts) Green, were natives of Germany but came to this country when young and were married here. Jacob Green was a farmer. Both he and his wife are now deceased and are buried at Sheely cemetery near Sulphur Springs. To them were born the following children: John; Catherine, wife of Emanuel Uhner; Daniel; Benjamin; Gottlieb; Edward; Louisa, deceased, who was the wife of John Bower; Sophia, the wife of Jacob Feightner; Mary Anna, the wife of our subject; and Elizabeth, deceased, who was the wife of of Abraham Clopfesteen. To Mr. and Mrs. Geo. A. Brause have been born children as follows: Edward Rudolph, Walter George, Clarence Albert, Rosa Anna and Hattie Magdalena Catherine.

A Democratic in politics, Mr. Brause is serving as a member of the school board. He and his family are affiliated with the German Lutheran church.

EDWARD VOLLRATH has been a life-long resident of Bucyrus. He was born of German parentage, 54 years ago, at the old homestead on the northeast corner of Mary and Walnut streets. He attended the public schools at his native city, graduating from the High School in the class of 1878. Part of his youth was spent in learning the trade of the cabinet-maker and joiner in his father's wood-working establishment at Bucyrus, and when he resumed his studies in the local schools he had become an expert wood worker. After graduating from the Bucyrus schools he entered Wittenberg College at Springfield, Ohio, in the fall of 1878, and remained at this latter institution

until the close of his junior year in the spring of 1881. He subsequently entered Princeton College and graduated from that institution in the classical course with the degree of A. B. in 1883. He afterwards received the degree of A. M. from Princeton. After leaving college Mr. Vollrath began the study of law in the law office of General E. B. Finley at Bucyrus and was admitted to practice by the Supreme Court of Ohio in the fall of 1885. He immediately entered upon the practice of his profession at Bucyrus and has continued in the practice of the law in this city since that time. In December, 1904, Mr. Vollrath was appointed Circuit Judge by Governor Myron T. Herrick for the Third Circuit of Ohio to succeed Judge Mooney who had died. Judge Vollrath occupied this position for a period of one year, being defeated at the ensuing election by Judge Michael Donnelly, of Napoleon. Judge Vollrath made a second campaign for this same position in the fall of 1906, but was again defeated by Judge Donnelly, who had an overwhelming democratic plurality behind him. Although defeated, Judge Vollrath had the satisfaction of reducing the normal democratic plurality of ten thousand to three thousand.

Mr. Vollrath was united in marriage June 27, 1888, with Miss Millie Wise, daughter of William and Eliza J. Wise, of said city. To this union were born five children, Jeanne Elizabeth, Edna Grace, Charles Victor, Carol Permylla and Edward Wise Vollrath. Mrs. Vollrath died February 1, 1910.

Mr. Vollrath became identified with the Ohio National Guard in April, 1884, enlisting as a private in Company "A" of the Eighth Regiment. He was elected and commissioned captain of his company in 1886, became major in 1892 and in that capacity served with his regiment during the Spanish-American war. The regiment saw service in the siege of Santiago in Cuba and assisted in the reduction of the province of that name. Major Vollrath was present at the surrender of Santiago and, returning to the states with his regiment at the close of the war, was commissioned lieutenant-colonel in the fall of 1899. Upon the organization of the Division, Ohio National Guard, Colonel Vollrath was elected and commissioned colonel of his regiment, the Eighth Ohio, with

rank dating from December 23, 1899, and has remained in command of his regiment since that date. This regiment, under Colonel Vollrath's command, has been called upon by the governor of Ohio on various occasions in aid of the civil authorities.

Colonel Vollrath has always been a Republican in politics. Socially and fraternally he is a veteran member of the Knights of Pythias. In his church relations he has been a member of St. Paul's Lutheran church of Bucyrus, Sunday school and church, since early childhood.

Colonel Vollrath, whose full name is Charles Edward Vollrath, is the son of Charles and Elizabeth (Hocker) Vollrath. The father was a native of Schwartzburg-Rudelsdorf, Saxony, and the mother is a native of the grand duchy of Baden. The father, Charles Vollrath, who died December 26, 1902, was for long years prominent in manufacturing circles in Bucyrus and the head of the manufacturing firm of Vollrath Brothers. The manufacturing establishment on the corner of Mary and Walnut streets, Bucyrus, and the lumber yards in connection therewith, were long and well known to the older citizens of Bucyrus.

THE BRINKMAN FAMILY* of Tod township, Crawford county, O., is one well known and highly respected and was established here by the grandfather of the present representatives, William F., Edward F. and Jesse R. Brinkman. The grandparents came from Germany but the father, Jacob Brinkman, was born on the farm known as the Brinkman homestead, on which he passed his life as a farmer, and died March 17, 1895, when aged 52 years, four months and twelve days.

Jacob Brinkman did much to develop and improve his farm of fertile land, leaving to his family an estate of 229 22-100 acres, with substantial buildings, stock and machinery. He was a man of sterling character and commanded the respect of all who knew him either as a business man or as a neighbor. He married Augusta Smith, who was born in Germany and still survives, residing with her youngest son. Three sons were born to them: William F., Edward F. and Jesse R. William F. married Sarah Ferrall and they have had four children: Nina Harper, deceased, Clarence and Henrietta. Edward F. married Della

Shell and they have three children: Hazel, Lela and Robert. Jesse R. was married first to Gertrude Pickering, who died without issue, and second to Tornette Wingert. William F. follows the carpenter trade while the other sons carry on the farm industries and all are reliable and respected business men. It is a Democratic family and all the sons are active and interested citizens. William F. served for a number of years in the office of constable; Edward F. was township trustee for six years, while Jesse R., at the present writing, is his party's candidate for county commissioner. The brothers are closely united in all their interests. They belong to the Methodist Episcopal church.

JAMES D. FERREE, newspaper reporter and historical writer, Bucyrus, Ohio, is a descendant from an old French Huguenot family and traces his ancestry back to Robert La Ferree, who in A. D. 1265 was confirmed to an extensive estate at Forchamps in lower Normandy and became the founder of the family. During the troubled period following the revocation of the edict of Nantes in 1685, Daniel Ferree and wife, whose maiden name was Mary Warembur, with their family, escaped from France, made their way to Strasbourg, where they resided for some time, then went to Lindau in Bavaria, where the father, who was a silk manufacturer of wealth, died in a few years. A short time after his death his widow decided to emigrate to America with her children—three sons and three daughters. Her passport dated Bittingheim, March 10, 1708, as well as the family's certificate of standing and withdrawal from the French Reformed church at Pelican, of which they were members, under date of May 10th, 1708, are still in the possession of her descendants. They came via Holland and England; in the latter company they remained several months. Madam Ferree and family were introduced to Queen Ann by William Penn, both of whom extended many favors that greatly assisted the Madam in bringing her family to the new colonies. Her patent of naturalization and permission to colonize in America bear the date of August 27th, 1708. Upon the family's arrival at New York in the fall of 1708 they went to Esopus about 100 miles north of that place on the Hudson river, where they had relatives. In the

spring of 1712 they emigrated to the Pequea valley, Lancaster county, Pennsylvania and located upon a land grant of 2,000 acres, granted to the family by William Penn, the warrant bears the date of September 10th, 1712. There it was that the Madam with her children established their home in the new world and became the progenitors of all of the name in the United States. Shortly after her arrival in the Pequea Valley, Madam Ferree vested in the care of trustees a plot of ground for burial purposes for the use of the settlers. In early times it was known as the "Ferree Graveyard," but the farm upon which it was located eventually became the property of the Carpenter family and at the present it is known as the "Carpenter Graveyard." It is located near the village of Paradise, Lancaster county, and in it the Madam and many of her descendants are buried. Her posterity is numbered by the thousands and are to be found in nearly every state in the Union. Many of them have attained distinction in the various walks of life. The archives in the War Department at Washington contains the records of more than thirty of the name that were in the Revolutionary war, among the more prominent were Col. John Ferree, who commanded the Tenth Pennsylvania Rifles; Col. Joel Ferree, who commanded the First Battalion of Lancaster Associators; Major Michael Ferree and twenty-nine others who served as non-commissioned officers and privates. The Madam's descendants were also prominent in the war of 1812, among them was Col. Joel Ferree, who commanded the Pennsylvania troops that built the fort at Upper Sandusky and named it Fort Ferree in his honor. In the Rebellion large numbers were conspicuous, but we will pass them all by but one, whose great military talents and glorious achievements have not only shed a lustre on his Huguenot ancestry but covered his memory with undying glory—Major General John F. Reynolds, commander of the First Army Corps at the battle of Gettysburg.

Again in the Spanish-American War her descendants were conspicuous. Admiral Winfield S. Schley, the hero of Sanitago, was a great grandson of Rebecca Ferree, who was a great-granddaughter of Madam Ferree.

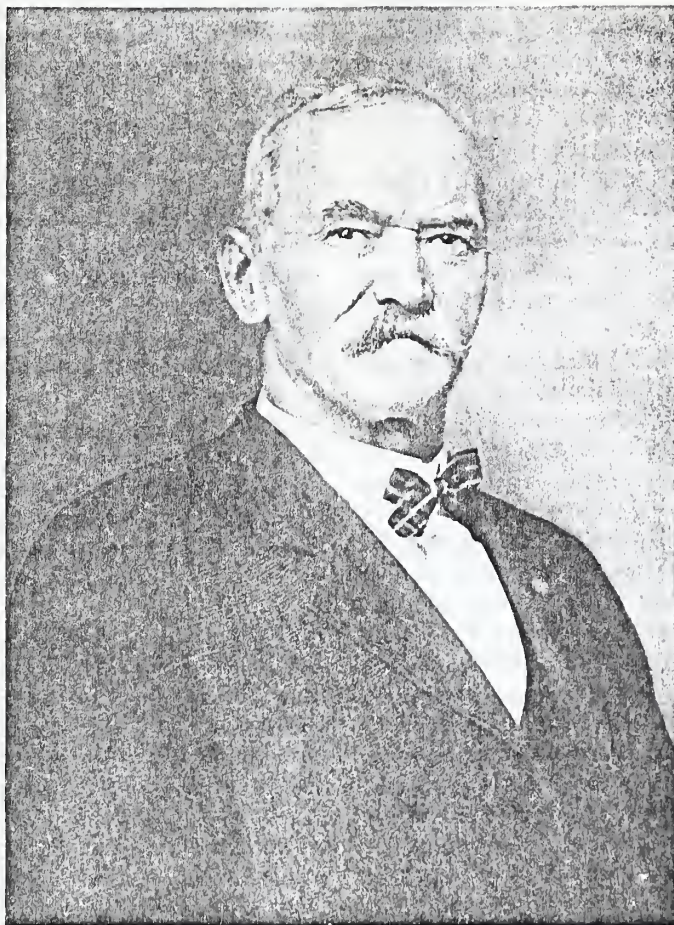
Our subject traces his lineage from Madam

Ferree through Philip, her youngest son, who died in the Pequea Valley and is buried in the old Ferree graveyard. Jacob, Sr., born in Lancaster county, died in York county. Jacob, Jr., born in York county and died in Adams county and was a Revolutionary war soldier. William, born in Adams county, July 14th, 1779, died in Richland county, Ohio, October 14th, 1846. He married at Carlisle, Pa., February 11th, 1808, Mary L. Le Boob, who was born in Adams county, Pa., March 2d, 1779, died in Richland county, Ohio, January 27th, 1849. She was of French and Swiss descent, her grandfather, Michael Le Boob, having been a Huguenot refugee and married a Swiss woman and came to America prior to 1760. It might be mentioned that the Le Boobs were the last of our subject's ancestors, on both paternal and maternal side to come from a foreign country. In 1826 William and Mary M. Ferree emigrated with their family of eight children from Cumberland county, Pa., to Franklin, now Weller, township, Richland county, Ohio. Their eldest son, James B. Ferree, born November 14th, 1808, in Cumberland county, Pennsylvania, died August 2d, 1862, in Richland county, Ohio. Married March 22d, 1842, at Mansfield, Ohio, Miss Elizabeth Davidson, born January 1st, 1803, at Carlisle, Pa., died March 8th, 1864, at Shelby, Ohio. They were the parents of twins, one died in infancy the other being the father of our subject. William Henry was born in Richland county July 26th, 1843, received his education in the country schools and the "Shelby Institute." Was married November 17th, 1863, at Shelby, Ohio, to Miss Eliza Dickerson, who was born January 29th, 1844, at Martinsburg, Knox county, Ohio, and died June 9th, 1911 at Bucyrus. Her ancestry is traced back to William the Conqueror's invasion of England, when Walter de Coen was given the manor of Kenson in Yorkshire, by the Conqueror as a reward for valor on the field of battle. Philemon Dickerson came over from England in 1630 with Winthrop's colonists. In 1643 he moved to the north shore of Long Island. His grandson, Peter, located in Morris county, New Jersey, in 1741; his son Silas lived and died in that state and among his children was Peter, who resided many years at Doylestown, Pa., and married Addie Kahl, of Egg Harbor, New

Jersey. Their last born, a son, was named for his uncle, Mahlon, who at that time was governor of New Jersey and later Secretary of War.

Mahlon Dickerson came to Ohio in 1838 and worked at the carpenter trade at Newark, where he married on September 23d, 1839, Miss Mary Cochran, who was born January 12th, 1823, at Winchester, Frederick county, Virginia, and died at Shelby, Ohio, February 4th, 1884. Her ancestry were the Cochrans, Langleys, Stuarts, all noted pioneer families of old Virginia. They were the parents of eleven children, seven of whom grew to woman and manhood. After the marriage of William H. Ferree and Eliza Dickerson they resided for some years in Shelby, where he was engaged in the lumber and planing mill business, then moved to a farm in Richland county, where they lived a few years, then moved to Galion in 1873, and in 1881 to Bucyrus, where the family has since made their home. Five children were born to them: James D. (the subject of this sketch); Edna J., died at the age of nine years; Agnes L., married John C. Doll, and resides at Indianapolis, Ind.; Lois D., married Frederick J. Heine, resides at Klein, Montana; William F., died at the age of eight years.

James D. attended the public schools at Galion and was a member of the graduating class of 1882, but was compelled to leave before graduating by the removal of the family to Bucyrus in the spring of 1881. He learned the painter's trade under Samuel D. Welsh, which he followed until 1888, when he became a brakeman on the Toledo and Ohio Central Railway; he was promoted to freight conductor, July 7th, 1890. Was promoted to yardmaster at Columbus, September 1st, 1901, and resigned that position in 1902. Was engaged as superintendent of construction for the Crescent Lumber Company on a lumber railroad in West Virginia in 1907, and held a similar position with the Algona Central and Hudson Bay Railroad Company in Ontario, Canada, for several months in 1909. He was a member of the Order of Railway Conductors for several years while actively engaged in railroad work and filled the responsible position of general chairman of the first federated general committee for the Ohio Central lines during the years 1899, 1900 and part of 1901, and it



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was through his exertions and endeavors that the agreement and schedule of 1900 was granted the employes by the railroad company. He was the recipient of complimentary letters from Grand Chief Conductor E. E. Clark, of the O. R. C., and other leaders of railroad orders interested; also was highly complimented by the officials of the Toledo and Ohio Central Railroad for the businesslike manner in which the grievances were handled and presented. He was presented with a fine armchair by the Bucyrus Division, No. 193, O. R. C., as a token of appreciation for the services he rendered in their behalf.

He has served ten years in Company A, Eighth Regiment, O. N. G., under three enlistments and has a first-class record as a militiaman. He served nearly four years on the Bucyrus police force, and was considered by his superiors a first-class man. He some time ago took up newspaper work and is making a success of it. He was married April 3d, 1912, to Mrs. Helen M. Bressler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Adam Reichard, pioneer settlers in Chatfield township, Crawford county. William H. Ferree, our subject's father, resides with them at 837 North Sandusky avenue.

FREDERICK L. KOPP, one of Galion's best known and highly respected retired citizens, occupying his comfortable residence at No. 125 East Main street, for many years was active in business in this city, and is an honored veteran of the Civil War and a valued comrade in Dick Morris Post, No. 130, G. A. R., at Galion, O. Mr. Kopp was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, Feb. 27, 1846, and is a son of Frederick and Catherine (Menner) Kopp.

The parents of Mr. Kopp grew to mature years in Wurtemberg and were married in the city of Stuttgart, Germany. Their one son and three daughters were born before they decided to make the great change in their lives of leaving their native land for one across the Atlantic Ocean, and they were led to this measure because they believed their children would have better opportunities than appeared possible, at that time, in Germany. After a voyage of 60 days the travelers reached New York and from there proceeded to Sandusky City, O., and from there, two years later, moved to

Marion county. It was there, in 1856, that the mother died and afterward the father went to Jay county, Ind., and his death occurred there, in the home of a daughter, in 1868, when he was aged 60 years. He had followed the shoemaking trade all his active life. Both he and wife were members of the Evangelical Lutheran church.

Frederick L. Kopp was six years old when his parents, in 1852, came to America. He attended school as opportunity was afforded, in his boyhood, and grew up into sturdy and self respecting youth, so well developed physically that in the early days of the Civil War he had no difficulty in being accepted as a soldier, although he was aged but fifteen years and three months. He enlisted on June 21, 1861, in Co. K, 4th O. Vol. Inf., in which he served for three entire years, reenlisting in September, 1864, in Co. H, 7th N. J. Vol. Inf., in which he served until the war terminated, and was honorably discharged, with the rank of first sergeant, in June, 1865. He participated in many of the important battles of that great war. He was at Rich Mountain; was all through the Shenandoah Valley campaign; was at Petersburg, Gettysburg and Mine Run, and in innumerable skirmishes in which a brave comrade often lost his life. He was once seriously wounded, on Nov. 28, 1863, receiving a gun shot in his right foot.

After the war was over and his military duties well performed for his adopted country, Mr. Kopp returned to Galion and engaged in the bakery business here on East Main street, for many years and through his honest business methods prospered greatly. In 1892 he built the Phoenix Hotel which he operated for ten years and then retired. He erected a three-story brick building on East Main street which he rents for business purposes. He is prominently identified with the Democratic party at Galion and for six years has been a member of the city council.

In January, 1867, Mr. Kopp was married at Galion, to Miss Margaret Schneider, who was born in Crawford county in 1817 and has spent her life here. Her grandfather, John Schneider, was born in Germany and was married there to his first wife who died and left five children—William, Peter, Charlotte, Elizabeth and Catherine. The grandfather mar-

ried (second) Margaret Simond and they had three children born to them—John, Henry and Catherine. They came to the United States when William Schneider, Jr., was 18 years old and landed at Baltimore, Md. From there they came to Crawford county and located in Whetstone township. William Schneider became a well known minister in the Reformed church but late in life they united with the Methodists.

William Schneider, Jr., father of Mrs. Kopp, grew to manhood in Whetstone township. He was first married to a Miss Behler, who died one year later, with her infant. Later he married, in Morrow county, O., Miss Sophia Eichhorn, who was born in Baden, Germany, and was four years old when her parents brought her to America. Her father, John Eichhorn, followed his trade as a harness-maker in Morrow county, later became a farmer and still later moved to Mansfield, O., where he died aged about 70 years. The family is of the German Lutheran faith. The mother of Mrs. Kopp died at the latter's home, in March, 1905, when within a few months of her 85th birthday. Of her 11 children, eight grew to mature years, all married and the following survive: Catherine, who is the widow of John Betts and resides with Mrs. Kopp; Margaret, who is the wife of Frederick L. Kopp; Mary, who is the wife of Frederick Starr, residing at Bellefontaine, O., and has two children, Paul and Clara B.; and Calvin H., who is pastor of a Reformed church at Decatur, Ind., his family including three sons and three daughters.

Mr. and Mrs. Kopp have had the following children: Clara Belle, who was born Aug. 31, 1860, died April 22, 1890, aged 22 years, a beautiful and talented girl, who had graduated from the Galion High School in the class of 1887; and Willard F., who was born May 12, 1872 and is now a resident of Salt Lake City, Utah. He married Hattie Shaw, who, at death, left one daughter, Margaret Helen, who was born Feb. 3, 1901, and is now in school. Mr. and Mrs. Kopp are members of the First Reformed Church at Galion, O.

CHARLES ROEHR,* proprietor of the lumber and planing mill business of The C. Roehr Company, with plant and offices on the

corner of Lane and Railroad streets, Bucyrus, O., is one of the enterprising and representative business men of this city. He was born July 26, 1835, in Saxony, Germany, and is a son of Henry and Caroline (Gresky) Roehr.

Charles Roehr attended school in his native land until he was 14 years of age and then became a clerk in a store where he remained for six years and gained his first ideas of business. He decided then to come to America and sailed from Hamburg in the summer of 1855, the sailing vessel on which he embarked taking six weeks to cross the Atlantic ocean, but landed him safely at the port of New York. His intended destination was Bucyrus, O., and when he reached here he became an apprentice under a German carpenter by the name of George Stoll, with whom he learned his trade. He remained two years with Mr. Stoll and then went into business for himself and had already become known as a reliable and capable contractor before he became a member of the firm of Stoll Brothers & Company, which association continued from 1868 until 1873. At that time John Stoll, one of the brothers, retired from the firm, after which Charles Roehr, Jacob Stoll and John Shealy became equal partners in a lumber and planing mill business. This concern was small at its beginning, but within ten years had more than doubled its force and had added to its plant. The members of the firm as above mentioned continued until 1880, when reorganization took place and since then Charles Roehr has been proprietor. He has acquired a large amount of realty in every part of the city and has shown commendable public spirit and local pride by improving it.

In November, 1858, Mr. Roehr was married to Miss Lizzie Eberth, of Bucyrus, and they have the following children: Kate, Edward, Emma, William, Helen, Henry, Carl and Alma. Mr. Roehr and family are members of the German Lutheran church. The family residence is located at No. 434 S. Sandusky street, Bucyrus.

JOHN FREDERICK KERN, deceased, for many years was a reputable and successful business man of Bucyrus, O., and had lived retired for some time prior to his death. He was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, June 27, 1835, and was a son of John and Regina (Bender)

Kern. He came to America in 1854 and died at Bucyrus, Jan. 31, 1897. His parents died in Germany.

John Frederick Kern was the youngest of his parents' children and he remained in his native land until he was 19 years of age, when he came to the United States landing at New York City and from there coming to Bucyrus, where he joined a brother and two older sisters, who had preceded him to America. In Germany he had learned the tailor's trade and this he followed for some years and then went into the clothing business and continued a clothing merchant until he retired. He was an honorable business man and worthy citizen. In politics he was a Democrat but was never active in public affairs but was ever ready to contribute time and money in the cause of charity or in times of public calamity. Mr. Kern was a member of the Blue Lodge in the Masonic order.

At Upper Sandusky, O., Mr. Kern was married to Miss Caroline Rieser, who was born in Baden, Germany, April 17, 1841, a daughter of John George and Regina (Denzler) Rieser. After the birth of five children, John George Rieser and family came to America in 1846, leaving the port of Hamburg on the sailing vessel Victoria, and landing at New York twenty-six days later. Mr. and Mrs. Rieser and children—J. F., George, Mary, Sophia and Caroline—crossed the state of New York to Buffalo and from there went to Upper Sandusky, near which place the father bought a farm. There both parents of Mrs. Kern died, her father at the age of 73 years and the mother in her 84th year. They were members of the German Lutheran church. In every relation of life they were good people, possessing the admirable traits for which the German nation is noted. Mrs. Kern has one surviving sister, Mrs. Sophia Myers, widow of Samuel Myers. She has nine living children and her home is at Cambria, Ia.

The following children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Kern: John Edward, who is proprietor of a drug store on the Public Square, Bucyrus, and lives with his mother; George F., who died in infancy; Clara C., who died in infancy; Joanna Laura, who was the wife of Otto Wollweber, and who died in 1910 without issue; Jacob Frederick, who died in infancy; Sophia,

who is the wife of Adna E. Foulke, of Bucyrus, and has five sons; Anna Elizabeth, who died when five years old; Charles William, who is associated with his brother in the drug business and who married Alberta Geiger; and Mildred Anida, who is the wife of Charles F. Keiss and has a son, Jonathan Edward; Louisa Caroline married Charles Rorick and resides at New Winchester. She has one daughter, Aileen Juanita. Mrs. Kern and family are members of the German Reformed church at Bucyrus.

GEORGE H. BECK, who conducts a billiard parlor and cigar stand in the Opera House Block at Crestline, where he has been established since November, 1911, is one of the representative business men here and has excellent standing as a citizen. He was born at Mansfield, Ohio, April 28, 1875, but has lived in Crestline during most of his life.

He obtained his first employment when about 12 years old as call boy for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, was afterward made a brakeman and served as such until he reached the age of twenty-five. Through an accident, which caused him to lose a leg, he then retired from railroading and went into the cigar trade, for nine years conducting a cigar store on Seltzer street, just opposite his present location. He takes an enthusiastic interest in all sports, believing in the necessity of wholesome amusements, and in his well regulated establishment he has installed a billiard table and four pool tables, which are well patronized. Here he also sells cigars, tobacco and soft drinks. His present building is a commodious one, with dimensions of 120 x 23 feet, and here his patrons have opportunities for healthful relaxation. In 1908 Mr. Beck completed one of the finest residences in the city. It is of brick and stone construction and located at No. 311 West Bucyrus street.

Mr. Beck was married at Crestline to Miss Alice B. Carrens, who was born, reared and educated here, being a daughter of R. M. Carrens, a well known railroad engineer. Mr. and Mrs. Beck have one son, Frank, a bright youth of 14 years, who is now in his second year in the high school. Mr. Beck is a member of the Elks, the Knights of Pythias and the Masons. For ten years he has been secretary of the

Crestline Local No. 327, A. F. of M. For 22 years he has been a member of the city band. He is also a member of the executive board of the Central Ohio Base Ball League, and for two years has been manager of the local Basket Ball Club, which has won every season game in the state contests.

EDWARD A. WHITEAMIRE,* one of the representative men of Whetstone township, Crawford county, O., member of the school board and township trustee, resides on his excellent farm of 70 acres, and was born February 2, 1873, in Marion county, O. He is a son of John and Catherine (Guinther) Whiteamire.

John Whiteamire was born in Germany, a son of Michael Whiteamire, and died in Crawford county, O., April 15, 1911. He was seven years old when his parents brought him to America and his subsequent life was mainly spent in Ohio as a farmer. He was identified with the Democratic party and was a man of Christian life, a member of the German Methodist church. He married Catherine Guinther, who was born in Pennsylvania, a daughter of John Guinther, and she still survives and resides in Whetstone township, one mile south of her son, Edward A. They had the following children: Sarah, who married Isaac Meyers; Simeon, who is deceased; Ella, who is the wife of Samuel Tupps; Edward A. and William.

After his school attendance period was over, Edward A. Whiteamire remained on the homestead with his father until he was 21 years of age, after which he rented farm land for one year in Whetstone township and for five years in Polk township, in the spring of 1899 purchasing his present farm from Henry Lupp. The old barn that stood on the place at the time, later was destroyed by fire, and in its place Mr. Whiteamire built the present substantial one, made repairs on other buildings and has everything quite comfortable. He carries on general farming and raises stock for his own use.

On February 16, 1893, Mr. Whiteamire was married to Miss Sarah Christman, a daughter of Adam and Elizabeth (Beach) Christman. They were natives of Crawford county but later settled on a farm in Marion county and both are now deceased, the father's remains

resting in the Whetstone Cemetery and the mother's at Galion. Their fathers were Adam Christman and Henry Beach. Mrs. Whiteamire had the following brothers and sisters: John; Mary, wife of Fred Seiters; Ella, deceased; George and Francis. To Mr. and Mrs. Whiteamire three children have been born, namely: Edith, born August 20, 1893; Esther, born July 20, 1896; and Layton, born January 21, 1906. Mr. Whiteamire and family attend the Reform church at Galion. In politics he is a Democrat and is serving in his second term as township trustee and in his third year as a member of the school board.

JOHN A. CHESNEY, M. D., physician and surgeon, whose death on August 31st, 1912, deprived Bucyrus of one of her foremost citizens, was a man who had attained prominence in his profession, although not devoting all his energies to it, having also been actively connected with various important business enterprises. He was born November 10, 1857, at Marseilles, Wyandot county, O., a son of John M. and Jumelia (Thompson) Chesney. His paternal grandparents were John and Elizabeth (Mahon) Chesney.

Dr. John M. Chesney, father of Dr. John A., was born at Jamestown, Pa., of Scotch parents. He was educated in an academy at Jamestown, Pa., and later studied the science of medicine with an older brother, Dr. Robert Chesney. In 1853 he settled at Marseilles, O., and remained there until 1876, when he came to Bucyrus. Here he opened a drug store, which he conducted until his death in 1883. His wife was a daughter of James and Elizabeth Thompson, of Marion, O., to which place they came from Lynchburg, Va. James Thompson, who had served as colonel in a Virginia regiment during the Mexican war, became one of the leading citizens of Marion and served as sheriff of the county.

John A. Chesney was mainly educated at Wooster University, in Ohio. In the year that his father moved to Bucyrus, he entered the office of Dr. Cuykendall, a well known medical practitioner, and after studying under him, entered the Columbus Medical College, where he was graduated with the class of 1879. In 1880 and 1881 he was associated in medical practice at Occola with Dr. J. N. Richie, in

the latter year entering the College of Physicians and Surgeons, New York, where he was graduated in 1882. Upon his return to Ohio he entered into partnership with Dr. Thrift, of Lima, who was then a professor in the Fort Wayne Medical College, which institution tendered Dr. Chesney the chair of physiology in the following year. The death of his father at this time recalled Dr. Chesney from Lima to Bucyrus, and this city was the special field of his professional and business activities from that time until his death. He enjoyed a large and lucrative practice, having patients from near and far, and his success in both medicine and surgery was very marked. He was surgeon for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, the West Virginia & Ohio, and the Cleveland & Southwestern Railroad companies. He was also widely known in business circles, being president of the Bucyrus Telephone Company, president of the Brokensword Stone Company, and a director in the First National Bank of Bucyrus; also a director in the Bucyrus Steel Casting Company. He was identified officially or otherwise with other important business concerns.

Dr. Chesney was married June 30, 1887, to Miss Cora A. Rowse, daughter of William and Catherine (Finn) Rowse. She died November 1, 1892, being survived by a daughter, Edith. In 1898 Dr. Chesney married for his second wife Mrs. Celia B. Mulford, of Hanover, N. J., who died February 18, 1912. The family residence at No. 255 East Mansfield street, Bucyrus, was the scene of many pleasant social gatherings, as both Dr. and Mrs. Chesney were exceedingly hospitable. Dr. Chesney maintained his office in his residence. He was identified with the Masons, Elks and Knights of Pythias. As a citizen he showed a marked interest in the welfare and advancement of Bucyrus, at all times faithfully performing a citizen's duties, and giving freely both of his counsel and cash to any good and worthy cause.

JOHN W. RUSSELL,* who is an honored veteran of the great Civil War, residing at Galion, O., and a retired engineer of the Erie Railway, with which corporation he was connected for 27 years, was born in Morrow county, O., December 23, 1838, and is a son of Charles and Margaret (Einers) Russell.

Charles Russell was born in Loudoun county, Va., in 1773, and went from Virginia as a soldier in the War of 1812, and afterward received a pension from the government. He married in Virginia and they had born to them: Frances M., Robert T., Leedam, Sarah and Barton T. After moving to Ohio the family was increased, there being 13 children, ten of whom were sons and three daughters, and nine grew to maturity and had children and homes of their own. The only survivors are Barton T. and John W., the former being a resident of Mt. Gilead, O., and is now aged 85 years. His four sons and two daughters are all married. In 1849 the mother of the above children died and Charles Russell married Mrs. Sarah Dawson, who had no children born to this marriage, but had two sons and four daughters born to her first union. She survived her husband for eight years, during which time she drew her husband's pension, and died in 1878. After moving to Ohio, Mr. and Mrs. Russell and family lived for 11 years at Loudonville, in Ashland county, and then Mr. Russell moved to what was then Marion, but is now Morrow county, this being in the 30's, securing 160 acres of unbroken land. Mr. Russell secured an additional tract of 16¾ acres and that remained his home until his death, in January, 1878.

John W. Russell was the youngest of his parents' large family and he remained with his father, who, at his birth was a man past middle life, until he was 25 years of age. In 1864 he enlisted for service in the Civil War, entering Co. E, 26th O. Vol. Inf., commanded by Capt. Kelly and Col. Clark, under General Thomas, and survived to be honorably discharged and mustered out, in Texas, October 23, 1865. He took part in many hard-fought battles of those stormy years including Buzzard's Roost, Resaca, Kenesaw Mountain, Big Sandy, fall of Atlanta, Nashville and Franklin, a long list considering that his life was endangered every moment on the battle field and only less so during the long and toilsome marches through the enemy's country.

When the war closed Mr. Russell returned home and lived on the farm in Morrow county until 1875, when he came to Galion and two years later entered the service of the Erie Railway in the capacity of brakeman. In 1885

he was promoted to the responsible position of engineer and continued until December 26, 1904, when he was retired on a pension, as is the rule of the Erie Company. He made a fine record on the railroad as he had done in the army and possessed the confidence of his employers and the regard of his fellow-workmen, during the whole period. Mr. Russell's case was that of others. He passed safely through all the perils of war and then, in times of peace met with an accident that almost cost his life, this occurring April 27, 1878, the injury resulting in the loss of his right leg below the knee, while at the same time his left arm was broken in two places. Otherwise, during his many years of railroading, he met with few accidents and through fidelity and hard work won favor and promotion. Politically he is a Republican but his business has not been one leaving him much time to perform duties pertaining to public offices, although his qualifications have been many and frequently his experience would have made him valuable.

Mr. Russell has been twice married but has no descendants. He is a member of Dick Morris Post, G. A. R., at Galion, and for 28 years has been a member of that sturdy organization, the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers.

DAVID E. TOBIN, who is a member of one of the old pioneer families of Cranberry township, Crawford county, O., resides on his valuable farm of 120 acres, which lies in section No. 34, was born in this township on the old Tobin homestead one-half mile further east, June 25, 1854, and is a son of Thomas and Elizabeth (Shilling) Tobin.

Thomas Tobin was born in Ireland and came to the United States while young. While working at Mansfield, O., he was ambitious to obtain an education and attended night schools. When he had the opportunity he learned the carpenter trade in Richland county and after he came to Crawford county, he built barns through Cranberry township. Later he married Elizabeth Shilling, who was born in Pennsylvania, a daughter of David Shilling, then of Cranberry township, and eight children were born to them, namely: Mrs. Anna Mary Springer, William James, David E., John Franklin, Mrs. Ellen Bittekofer, Thomas Grove, Clement and Mrs. Eva Elmira Miller.

After marriage Thomas Tobin and wife settled on a wild tract of 120 acres, which, with the help of his children later on, was all cleared and he quit carpenter work and devoted the rest of his life to farming, his death occurring on Oct. 6, 1911, in his 89th year, and his burial was in the Union Cemetery in Liberty township. His widow died May 29, 1911, her age being 82 years and she was buried in the same place. They were members of the Lutheran church, in Auburn township.

David E. Tobin was reared on the home farm and attended the district schools. At the time of his marriage he and his wife settled on the farm on which he now lives but he did not purchase it until 1907. His residence on this farm has been continuous except for five years spent on the old homestead, for in 1907 he went to live there on account of the advanced age of his parents, who both died in 1911, when the homestead was sold by the administrator and in 1912 Mr. Tobin returned to his farm. He has made many fine improvements here, in 1910 erecting his comfortable modern residence and in 1912 putting up his commodious barn. His land is all under cultivation with the exception of about 15 acres, which is in valuable timber. He carries on a general farming line and devotes some attention to raising a good grade of horses and sheep.

Mr. Tobin married Miss Clarinda Magner, who was born in Western Ohio, and they have five children: Ernie L., Elva B., Ira Otis and Thomas Grove and Jane Elizabeth, who are twins. Mr. Tobin is a staunch Democrat but has never accepted any political office except membership on the board of Education. He is one of the representative men of Cranberry township. The family attends the Methodist church.

JOHN BENTON CAMPBELL, a resident of Whetstone township, Crawford county, O., is the owner of 480 acres of land and is also a stockholder in the Farmers and Citizens Bank of Bucyrus. Mr. Campbell was born on the farm on which he now lives, April 4, 1840, a son of Edward and Amanda (Tupps) Campbell and a grandson of John and Mary (Jones) Campbell. The grandfather was born in Virginia, Oct. 1, 1788, but moved with his parents



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when a boy to Wayne county, where he was reared and where he married Mary Jones, who was also a native of Pennsylvania, but who had removed with her parents to Wayne county, O. They became the parents of nine children. Mrs. John Campbell died in 1857.

It was in the spring of 1824 that John Campbell and his wife came to Crawford county, O. He was at that time a poor man with only enough money to enter 80 acres of land and for the first few years he owned neither oxen nor horses and his farming operations had to be carried on without the use of these and other implements so necessary to work on the farm. However, his neighbors were good to him and with what little help he received from them, he prospered, and notwithstanding his early poverty became one of the most prominent and influential men in the county. For 27 years he was justice of the peace and during that time his decisions were rarely reversed when appealed to the higher courts, this fact proving the accuracy and excellence of his mind and judgment. In 1832 he was elected to the legislature by the people of Fairfield county and was reelected in 1834. While in this office he advanced the interests of both the county and state by his judgment and deliberation. It was he that started what is known as the Campbell graveyard which is located on the Campbell farm and the first burial was that of his infant son, John, who died Aug. 16, 1825. John Campbell died Jan. 3, 1867.

Edward Campbell, son of John and Mary (Jones) Campbell and father of our subject, was born Dec. 16, 1816, and was about eight years old when the family removed to Crawford county. This region was at that time a wilderness and it became his duty to help clear the home farm. He began the battle of life when of age and by his own exertion and business sagacity acquired much land. At the time of his death he owned about 656 acres of land, but he always resided on the home farm. His marriage to Amanda Tupps took place Jan. 4, 1838. She was born in Pennsylvania, Sept. 20, 1820, but came to Crawford county when a small girl and there was reared. Mr. and Mrs. Edward Campbell had the following children: Catherine, deceased, who was the wife of Benjamin F. Keifer; Samuel K., deceased; John Benton, whose name heads this article; and Letta J., the wife of Andrew H.

Gibson. Edward Campbell died Nov. 5, 1901. He was a Democrat in politics but joined the Republican party upon its organization. He and his wife were members of the Disciples church.

John Benton Campbell, the direct subject of this article, attended the common schools and then the Galion High School. Later he spent three terms in the Lebanon Normal School, after which he spent his winter months in teaching school and the summer time in farming. Following three years so spent, he gave his entire time to farming, and this has been his life work to the present time. He carries on general farming and has one of the finest homes and barns in the county, these buildings being modern and equipped with all the conveniences of the city homes.

On Sept. 16, 1872, Mr. Campbell was married to Jennie Shanks, a native of Edinburg, Scotland. She is a daughter of David and Jessie (Frazer) Shanks and was born in Edinburg, Scotland, coming to the United States with her parents when 18 months old. They landed in New York where they lived about five years when they came to Crawford county. David Shanks was a contractor all his life. He and his wife had the following children: Jennie, Andrew, Grace (Mrs. Charles Weisinger), Devine (wife of Charles Gravelle), William, Christian, Joseph and Charles.

Mr. and Mrs. John Benton Campbell are the parents of two children: Mabel, who is the wife of E. W. Crall and has two children—Muriel and Clark; and Edward, who married Elva Rexroth.

Our subject is a Republican in politics. He has served as supervisor and school director. He and his wife attend the Christian church.

D. N. WEITHMAN, who is one of the representative business men of New Washington, is general contractor for all kinds of concrete work, and manufacturer of cement building-blocks and brick, and a dealer in stone, coal and all kinds of building materials. He has been a resident of Crawford county, O., since June 23, 1885. He was born in Bavaria, Germany, Feb. 17, 1864, and was three years old when he accompanied his parents, Frank and Barbara Weithman, to the United States. They settled in Erie county, Pennsylvania.

D. N. Weithman attended school in Erie

county and there learned his trade. He has five brothers and two sisters—Aloysius, Martin, Frank, Louie, Jacob, Barbara and Margaret, all of whom still reside in Erie county. After coming to Crawford county, Mr. Weithman was married to Elizabeth Durnwald, a daughter of Martin Durnwald, a well known and retired citizen of New Washington. To Mr. and Mrs. Weithman the following children have been born: Cecilia, born Aug. 18, 1889, was married Jan. 11, 1910, to Julius Wurm, who is a business man of New Washington and a leading carpenter; they have one child named Albert, born Nov. 5, 1910. Edward, born July 22, 1890, is a dealer in slate, with slate roofing a specialty, the firm being Weithman & Wurm, he being in partnership with Julius Wurm; both are members of the Knights of Columbus, C. M. B. A., and, besides, carry accident insurance. Josephine, born Aug. 30, 1892, died the same year. Alfred, born April 3, 1894, works with his father, and is also a member of many Catholic organizations. Rose, born June 12, 1895, is employed at her father's office and also does much sewing; she is a member of the L. C. B. A. and Prudential. Aloysius, born June 21, 1896, for the past three years has been working at one of the leading dry goods stores in this city. Mary, born Dec. 18, 1898, at present is working at home. Cornelius, born March 5, 1899, is attending New Washington High School. Agnes, born April 10, 1900, is attending St. Bernard's Catholic school; as also are George, born May 30, 1901; Walter, born March 6, 1902; Cyrill, born Feb. 8, 1904, and Mildred, born Aug. 30, 1906. The remaining children are Lina, born Jan. 22, 1908, and Carl, born May 10, 1910. Mr. Weithman and his family are members of the Catholic church. His father died in his 70th year and his mother is still living in Erie county and is 78 years old.

Since marriage Mr. Weithman has resided and carried on business at New Washington, of which place he has been an active and useful citizen. Politically he is a Democrat and has served in the city council for nine years. As a business man he is held to be prompt and reliable, and has done a large amount of the important mason work in and adjacent to New Washington, all the stone work on the handsome Lutheran church of this city, and has

done a large amount of turnpike road and bridge contracting in the county. He is one of the stockholders in the Cranberry Nursery Company at New Washington and takes an interest in having capital invested here. He is a worthy member of that widespread Catholic organization, the Knights of Columbus, and belongs also to the C. M. B. A. In the spring of 1912 he embarked in the business of manufacturing cement blocks and this enterprise has proved very successful.

IRA E. QUAINANCE,* proprietor of Oak Valley Stock Farm in Dallas township, was born in Holmes township, Crawford county, Ohio, Aug. 30, 1861. He is a son of Joseph W. Quaintance and a grandson of Fisher Quaintance, who was born in Germany, and who, after coming to the United States, settled first in Jefferson county, O. In 1829 Fisher Quaintance came to Crawford county, settling in Holmes township, where he became the owner of 167 acres of land, which, after clearing off the timber, he improved into a good farm, erecting substantial buildings thereon. He married Sarah Iry and they became the parents of a large family, numbering ten children, namely: Eli, Ira, Dawson, Joseph W., George, Charles, Ann, Susanna, Bessie and Sarah Jane, of whom Joseph W. and Charles are the only survivors.

Joseph W. Quaintance was brought up on the parental homestead. He attended the little log schoolhouse and assisted his father on the farm, finally becoming a practical farmer himself. On reaching manhood he bought 80 acres, which he cultivated for some years, after which he purchased another farm—the one on which he now lives, which he improved with substantial buildings, including a comfortable residence, where he now lives retired from active labor. On his farm is an apple-tree, which grew from seed distributed by "Johnny Appleseed," the quaint traveling philosopher, whose life forms a part of the early history of Ohio and other states and whose deeds live after him. Joseph W. Quaintance married Lucina G. Gridley, who was born near New Bedford, Mass. They have been the parents of nine children, namely: Bashie, wife of John Eaton, an attorney of Kansas City, Mo.; Isadora B.; Edith M.; Ira E. (subject of this

sketch); Leonard and Cora E., both of whom are deceased; H. J.; and Charles and Edward, who are both also deceased.

Ira E. Quaintance was educated in the common schools and at Ohio Northwestern University, which he attended for one term. After his school days were over, he turned his attention to farming in Crawford county, Holmes township, and has since been thus engaged. Besides cultivating the soil, he deals extensively in Jersey cattle and is now the owner of a very fine herd of animals of that breed; he keeps about 25 head yearly. Mr. Quaintance is a man of literary tastes and has contributed various articles to farm journals, and also to the Bucyrus Daily Telegraph. He is a Republican in politics and has been a justice of the peace since 1904.

Mr. Quaintance was first married to Ella Martin, of Holmes township, this county, in February, 1909. She died Nov. 29, 1910, having borne him two children—Truman and Thelma. After his first wife's death, Mr. Quaintance contracted a second marriage, with Miss Martin, daughter of Henry and Elizabeth Martin, of Holmes township, this county. Her father, Henry Martin, a carpenter by trade, was for a number of years a justice of the peace in this township. Mr. and Mrs. Quaintance attend the Methodist church and the former has served as steward of the Sunday school. They are well known people and have many friends.

Their farm contains 170 acres and is a fine piece of agricultural property, well supplied with substantial and commodious buildings and kept in the best of condition, the surroundings indicating thrift and prosperity.

LORENZO DOW WILLFORD, who is filling the important office of assistant state fire marshal of Ohio, serving under State Fire Marshal John W. Zuber, has been a prominent citizen of Crawford county for many years. He was born May 8, 1864, in Auburn township, Crawford county, O., and is a son of Jeremiah and Elizabeth (Graffmiller) Willford.

In changes incident to crossing the Atlantic ocean and penetrating into wild and unsettled sections of the United States to found new homes, old records, in many families, were

entirely lost, but in others were preserved as most valued possessions and are still carefully treasured among the family archives. These possess an interest and value not only to the owners, but to all those who cherish a love of country and pride in what the early settlers, handicapped as they were, accomplished for posterity. In this connection the Willford family of Ohio may be cited.

Samuel Willford, the first of the name associated with settlement in America, resided in Leicestershire, England, married there and had three sons. The eldest, born in 1742, became a physician in the city of London. The second son, born in 1744, went to Germany.

Joseph Willford, the third son of Samuel Willford, was born in Leicestershire, England, in 1746, and studied medicine with his eldest brother, in London, in 1765, and in the following year migrated to the American colonies. He landed at Philadelphia, Pa., and established his home in the Tuscarora Valley, in Cumberland county, in the same year. In 1770, in Mt. Pleasant township, York, now Adams county, he was married to Mary Campbell, who was born in Cumberland county, Pa., in 1750. She had passed through thrilling experiences. When only seven years old, with her brother William, she started from her father's cabin on Penn's Creek, to bring home the cows from the pasture. A marauding band of Delaware Indians captured the children and took them to their camp on the banks of the Muskingum River, in Ohio. All trace of little Mary was lost and her parents finally gave up all hope of ever seeing the child again. In 1764, Col. Bouquet took command of an expedition against the Indians, and in a treaty signed near Coshocton, stipulated that all white captives held by them should be released, and about 300 were surrendered to Col. Bouquet, Mary Campbell being one of the number. Either at the time of marriage or previously, Joseph Willford removed to York county as the tax duplicate of Mt. Pleasant township, York county, shows that Joseph Willford was a tax payer there in December, 1771, and in 1778 he removed to Washington county, Pa. the record stating that his first wife, Mary Campbell Willford, died in Greene county, Pa., in 1801, it then being Washington county. Her husband, Joseph Willford, survived until

1828, his death occurring in Monongalia county, Va., now West Va. His second marriage was to a Mrs. Garlow, but his seven children were born to his first union and the record stands thus: Samuel, born in York county, in 1771; Daniel, born in York county, in 1773; William, born in York county, March 15, 1775; Dougal, born in York county, in 1777; Joseph, born in Washington county, in 1779, died in Greene county, in 1796; and Betsey and Peggy, born in Washington county, Pa., in 1781 and 1783, respectively.

William Willford, son of Joseph, who was born March 15, 1775, died Oct. 6, 1842. After the War of 1812 he came with his uncle, Samuel Willford, to Greene township, Wayne county, O., and the records show that Samuel Willford was treasurer of that township from 1819 to 1824. Before leaving Pennsylvania, William Willford married Sarah Rich, who was born Feb. 12, 1780, and died Sept. 9, 1844, and to them were born the following children: Catherine, born Nov. 4, 1800, died July 25, 1837; Daniel, born Feb. 1, 1803; Jacob, born Feb. 8, 1805; Samuel, born Jan. 7, 1807; Anne, born July 25, 1809; Margaret, born Dec. 22, 1810; Elizabeth, born Oct. 5, 1812; Mary, born Nov. 12, 1814; Jeremiah, born Oct. 5, 1816, died May 9, 1887; and John R., born Oct. 9, 1818, died Feb. 6, 1892.

Jeremiah S. Willford was born in Wayne county, O., and was about 15 years old when his father settled in Cranberry township, Crawford, then Richland county. Here, on Oct. 19, 1843, Jeremiah Willford was married to Elizabeth Graffmiller, who was born Sept. 24, 1824, in Baden, Germany, and was brought to America by her parents, who settled in Auburn township, Crawford county, where her death occurred Jan. 22, 1904. Her parents were Andrew and Elizabeth Graffmiller, both of whom were natives of Baden, Germany, where the mother was born Nov. 1, 1782, and died in Crawford county, Dec. 3, 1857. In 1834, Andrew Graffmiller, with his wife and six children—George, Barbara, Christian, Anna Mary, Andrew and Elizabeth—emigrated from Germany and settled in Crawford county, O., where he died Oct. 4, 1839, aged 64 years. To Jeremiah and Elizabeth Willford the following children were born: William, born Aug. 22, 1844, died Aug. 22;

Caroline, born Nov. 22, 1845, who is the wife of E. M. Keller, of Plymouth, O.; Samuel, born Nov. 28, 1847, who resides with his family in Cranberry township; Elizabeth D., who is the wife of W. O. High, a farmer in Auburn township, and who was born June 9, 1849; Mary M., born Jan. 22, 1852, who is the wife of John Kemp, a farmer in Seneca county; John W., who was born Dec. 30, 1854; and Lorenzo Dow, who was born May 8, 1864. The two sons last named live on the old homestead, of which they are joint owners. The parents of this family were among the leaders of the Methodist Episcopal church in Auburn township, good, virtuous people, whose influence in their neighborhood was marked, and whose memory is tenderly cherished by their children.

Lorenzo Dow Willford was reared on the home farm and attended the township schools, subsequently becoming a student in the State Normal School, at Ada, O., and the New Washington High School. In 1884 he was graduated from the latter institution and later took a business course in the Tri-State Business College. For nearly 20 years Mr. Willford taught school in Crawford county, never going very far from the old home because of his affection for his parents, and his anxiety for their health and comfort. He became well and favorably known all over Crawford county, however, as an able educator. From early manhood an interested factor in public affairs in his native county and prominently identified with the Democratic party, on numerous occasions he has been called to public office and has served frequently as a delegate to important Democratic conventions. In 1892 he was elected secretary of the Crawford County Democratic Committee and with the exception of one year has served continuously in that position or as chairman of the committee until 1910, when he was elected chairman of the Crawford County Democratic Executive Committee, and was reelected in 1912. Twice he has been elected county clerk, first in 1903 and again in 1906, serving five years in all. In June, 1909, Mr. Willford was appointed assistant fire marshal of the State of Ohio, by Governor Harmon, a position that involves duties of grave importance to the public.

In addition to his educational and political



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prominence, Mr. Willford is well known in a number of fraternal organizations. He is a Blue Lodge Mason, an Odd Fellow, Eagle, Knight of Pythias, Maccabee and Elk, and is or has been officially connected with several of the above orders. He is a member of Cranberry Lodge No. 441, Odd Fellows, at New Washington, and at present is representative to the Grand Lodge of the state for the 19th District. For more than ten years he has filled the office of record-keeper for the K. O. M. at New Washington.

VERNE E. KIESS,* who is one of the enterprising and successful agriculturists of Whetstone township, Crawford county, O., operating 200 acres of farming land belonging to his father, was born in Whetstone township, April 30, 1880, and is a son of Simeon and Catherine (Kile) Kiess. The father was born in Pennsylvania and the mother in Ohio, and they now live retired at Bucyrus. Three of their children died in infancy and three survive: Sidney, Harvey and Verne E.

Until he was 19 years of age, Verne E. Kiess attended school every winter and a portion of the time the summer sessions as well, but as he became strong enough his help was needed on the home farm, where ploughing, seeding, haying and harvest taxed the endurance of his father and brothers. He remained at home until his marriage, in 1904, and then took charge of the farm that he has been managing ever since. Like other members of his family he is a Democrat in politics but has never been a seeker for office.

On Oct. 20, 1904, Mr. Kiess was married to Miss Rebecca Neff, who is a daughter of John and Emma (McKinstry) Neff, farmers in Marion county, O. Mr. and Mrs. Neff had seven children: Rebecca, Kinsel, Lena, Laura, Paul, and two who died in infancy. Mr. and Mrs. Kiess have two daughters: Marjorie, who was born Dec. 7, 1905; and Marion, who was born July 14, 1908. They attend the Evangelical church.

HON. P. W. POOL,* who is a prominent member of the Crestline bar and for many years identified with important movements, political and legal, in Crawford county, O., was born in Westmoreland county, Pa., in

1847, and is a son of Joseph M. and Mary (Woodsworth) Pool. The parents were of German extraction. The father died in Pennsylvania and the mother some years later, in Summit county, O.

P. W. Pool enjoyed educational advantages of a high order, first attending Greensburg College, in Trumbull county, O., and later, Hiram College, where he became well acquainted with James A. Garfield, later President of the United States. Mr. Pool was an exceptional student in several branches, languages and mathematics in particular, and afterward, when he entered the University of Michigan, led his class in law and was graduated there in 1865. In the same year he came to Crawford county, where he was admitted to the bar. For two years he taught German at Bucyrus, coming to Crestline in 1867, where he has resided until the present. He has been a most active citizen, serving six years as prosecuting attorney of Crawford county, and for 17 years as mayor of Crestline. Necessarily politics have more or less engaged his attention and since early manhood he has been identified with the progressive wing of the Democratic party, on many occasions serving with party zeal as a delegate to both State and Congressional conventions.

Mr. Pool married Miss Augusta Frye, who died in 1901, leaving one son, Charles W., who is a commercial traveler who makes his home at Galion, O. Mr. Pool belongs to the various branches of Masonry, has been a delegate to the Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows, from Crestline, and is a member of the Elks at Bucyrus.

HOWARD H. SMITH, M. D.,* physician and surgeon at Bucyrus, O., has been established here since 1895, making a choice of this city as his field of professional effort immediately after his graduation from the Cleveland University of Medicine and Surgery. He was born in 1869, at Wooster, O., and is a son of Cornelius and Elizabeth (Beerbower) Smith and a grandson of Jacob Smith.

Jacob Smith came to Ohio as a pioneer from Pennsylvania, in 1806, and located in Wayne county, taking up virgin land near Wooster and that land he improved and lived on during the remainder of his life. He married an

estimable woman, the daughter of an Irish neighbor, and six children were born to them, all of whom became creditable members of society. Jacob Smith and wife were early supporters of the Presbyterian church in their neighborhood.

Cornelius Smith, father of Dr. Smith, was born in Wayne county in 1820 and continued to live on the old homestead and carry on its industries until within seven years of his death, when he moved to Wooster where he passed away April 25, 1901. He was recognized as a man of sterling character, for 18 years served as a justice of the peace, and for many years spent much of his time attending to the settlement of estates. In politics he was an unflinching defender of Democratic principles. He was married in Wayne County to Elizabeth Beerbower, who was born in Wayne County in 1827, and died there March 10, 1910. Her father, Jacob Beerbower, was of German ancestry but was born in Pennsylvania. Like Jacob Smith, he came early to Wayne county, and secured unimproved and uncleared land in the vicinity of Fredericksburg, on which he made his home, married and reared his family there. To Cornelius Smith and wife the following children were born: Benton D., who is in the livery business at Wooster; Kansas, a man of family, who is a retired farmer at Wooster; Emma, who is the wife of Brandon McClure, who is a large dealer in small fruits; Howard H.; Kate May, now deceased, who was the wife of Harper McDonald; James Wiley, who, at death, left a widow, one son and two daughters; and two who died young.

Howard H. Smith had excellent educational advantages in his youth, the fact of his home being in a college town contributing to this, and when he entered medical college had already a trained literary understanding. He is engaged in a general practice and has built up an enviable reputation for professional efficiency. He is identified with all the leading organizations of the Homeopathic School of Medicine and keeps fully abreast with the times in scientific discoveries.

Dr. Smith was married at Wooster, O., April 4, 1899, to Miss Ida Marie Smith, who was born in Wayne county, in 1872, and is a daughter of William N. and Adaline (Johnson) Smith. The father of Mrs. Dr. Smith

was born at Steubenville, O., and was a son of N. W. and Maria (Waits) Smith, who were pioneers in East Union township, Wayne county. The old home place, where Mrs. Dr. Smith was born, is now the Ohio State Experimental Station. William N. Smith was a stock raiser and dealer. He died in May, 1898, aged 68 years. He married Adaline Johnson, who survives. Her parents were Isaac and Rachel (Ernst) Johnson, old Pennsylvania pioneers of Wayne county. All these families have had much to do with developing that section of Ohio and for years public record will show that they have been leaders in agricultural progress and in educational and religious movements. Mrs. Dr. Smith was carefully educated and is a graduate of Wooster University and also of the Conservatory of Music, taking both degrees in 1891. In music she was a pupil of Prof. Carl Mers and of Prof. Conrad, both of national reputation. To Dr. and Mrs. Smith one daughter has been born, Pleasant Jeanne, an attractive little maiden of nine years. Dr. and Mrs. Smith are members of the Presbyterian church and are well known in the pleasant social life of the city.

SAMUEL KURTZ, a highly respected citizen of Bucyrus, a retired farmer, was born in Whetstone township, Crawford county, O., Sept. 8, 1848, and is a son of George and Catherine (Shearer) Kurtz.

The parents of Mr. Kurtz were natives of Germany, where the father was born in 1821 and the mother in 1827. They came to America when young, the father of George Kurtz locating with his family in Lycoming county, Pa. About 1842 George Kurtz came to Crawford county and here was married some time later to Catherine Shearer, whose parents had also come to Ohio from Pennsylvania. The newly married couple settled on the Shearer farm and continued to live there, Mr. Kurtz assisting in its clearing. Mrs. Kurtz died there in 1868, at the age of 55 years. The second marriage of George Kurtz was to Catherine Geibler, who still resides on the old homestead in Whetstone township. There George Kurtz died in 1903, at the age of 82 years. To his first marriage two sons were born: Jacob and Samuel, the former of whom

is a prosperous farmer in Tully township, Marion county, O. He was married (first) to Caroline Stoltz and they had one son, who survives. His second marriage was to Christina Cover and they have two sons and two daughters.

Samuel Kurtz, in many ways, has been a very fortunate man, growing up on his father's farm with comfortable home surroundings and being afforded an education that included both English and German studies. In the course of years he became the owner of 78 acres of the old homestead and he also acquired 79 acres in another part of Whetstone township, and on these two farms he spent many prosperous years, carrying on large agricultural operations until age and inclination led him to retire from further activities. In October, 1910, he and his wife took possession of their comfortable residence at No. 947 Prospect street, Bucyrus.

It was in this city that Mr. Kurtz was married to Miss Margaret Rexroth, who was born near Bucyrus, Aug. 26, 1848, a daughter of John Nicholas and Anna Maria (Rittmann) Rexroth, one of a family of ten children. Eight children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Kurtz, namely: John George, a graduate of the Ohio Northern University at Ada, O., who is a clerk in the Government service, residing on the Fort Peck Indian Reservation in Montana, married Mary Myers and has three children—Loneta, Lowell and Kenneth; Samuel Aaron, also a graduate of the Ohio Northern University, who is now science teacher in the Bellevue, O., High School, married Nellie Beldon and has four children—Russell, Marguerite, Wilbur and Elizabeth. Simeon Gershom, who also completed a course at the university, at Ada, O., now a successful farmer in Whetstone township, married Mrs. Emma (Stump) Lepp and has two children—Byron and La Verne; Mary Catherine, a handsome young woman and a most lovely character, who had musical talent of a high order and who had served the church as organist for several years, died on Feb. 23, 1897, in the twentieth year of her age; Bertha Rexroth, a graduate of expression and oratory at Ada, O., is the wife of Prof. Russel Myers, also a graduate of the Ohio Northern University and who is now principal of the High School at Columbus Grove, O.; Harrison, who also pur-

sued a course of study at Ada, O., has charge of the home farm, married Caroline Mildred Rexroth; Paul, who died in infancy; and Edwin Charles, who attends school at Bucyrus.

Mr. Kurtz and family attend the German Reformed church. Politically, Mr. Kurtz is a Republican with independent tendencies.

Since the above was written and before it was in print Mr. Kurtz died. The end came suddenly while he was engaged in doing some light work on the farm. Death was due to heart failure and occurred on the 13th of April.

Brief funeral services were held at the home with extended and impressive services at the Whetstone Reformed church, of which he had been a member most of his life and where he had held official relations as treasurer, secretary of the board, deacon and elder for many years, and Sunday-school superintendent for 16 years. Fitting eulogies were given by former pastors while Rev. Mr. Keller gave the main discourse. The choir rendered touching and appropriate music. The interment was in the Shearer cemetery.

HENRY C. DYE,* superintendent of the municipal light and power plant, at Galion, O., has been identified with this public utility since before he was 21 years of age. He is a native of Galion, born here in September, 1874, and is a son of Samuel and Rebecca (Ness) Dye.

Samuel Dye was born at Sidney, O., and for 36 years has been in the service of the Big Four Railroad Company, and as he has reached the age limit of about 60 years, will probably soon retire on a pension, which is the method employed by this great corporation to reward fidelity and efficiency. He and wife are members of the English Lutheran church and he belongs to the leading railway social and fraternal organizations. Nine children were born to Samuel Dye and wife and Henry C. is the eldest of the six survivors.

Henry C. Dye attended school at Galion but from boyhood was more interested in mechanics than in any other study and this natural leaning determined his life work. His study of engineering secured him a license and for nineteen years he has been connected with the light and power plant here and for ten years has been superintendent.

Mr. Dye was married at Galion to Miss

Emma Helfrich, who also was born, reared and educated here, and they have one daughter, Marjorie, a school-girl of ten years. Mr. and Mrs. Dye are members of the First Reformed Church. Politically he is a Republican and fraternally is a Master Mason, is past chancellor in the Knights of Pythias, and is a charter member of the local lodge of Elks. He belongs also to the National Association of Stationary Engineers.

CYRE FIELD, was a veteran of the great Civil War, and for many years afterward was an honorable and successful business man of Bucyrus, O. He was born in Delaware county, O., May 12, 1840, and died Jan. 17, 1895. His parents were James and Mary (Landon) Field.

James Field was born in Canada, a son of Roswell Field, who came to the American colonies prior to the Revolutionary War and about that time moved to Canada, in order to escape fighting the army of his own land. It was during the war between the United States and Canada that he was forced to fight against his country. He finally located in Delaware county, O., where he lived into old age. James Field grew to manhood in Delaware county and became a farmer. His birth took place in 1806 and his death, at St. Louis, Mo., on May 7, 1875. He married Mary Landon, who was born in 1810, and died July 27, 1889. They were members of the Christian church. Of their nine children two survive: Rev. Samuel Field, who resides with his family on his farm near Francisville, Ind.; and Rev. Nicholas Field, who now lives in the State of Washington. As the same family names appear it is reasonable to infer that the late merchant prince of Chicago, Marshall Field, belonged to a branch of this family, and also the poet, the late Eugene Field, together with many others of name and note in this country.

Cyre Field grew to manhood on the home farm. Early in the Civil War, with his brother Roswell, he enlisted for service, entering the 49th O. Vol. Inf., on the first call and serving for three months, and later served out a second enlistment. He was well educated and successfully taught school for a time and then accepted a clerical position with the Erie Railroad and still later was with his

brother, James A. Field, a well known manufacturer at St. Louis, Mo. In 1882 he came to Bucyrus and embarked in the mercantile business in which he continued until failing health made retirement obligatory and his death occurred two years later. He was, like the majority of the Fields, of fine manly appearance. His manner was pleasant and his speech agreeable to the ear, while his kindness of heart was daily exhibited to those around him. For some years he was commander of the Kelley Post, G. A. R., at Bucyrus and always an interested member. Politically he was identified with the Republican party.

At Marion, O., June 1, 1873, Mr. Field was married to Miss Margaret C. Brinker, who was born in Westmoreland county, Pa., in 1850, and was brought to Ohio at the age of two years by her parents, Jesse and Jane (Eagle) Brinker. Mr. Brinker was a carpenter by trade and after locating at Marion continued active in this trade until within a few years of his death, in May, 1895, when in his 73rd year. His wife passed away in 1854, when Mrs. Field was a child. They were members of the Free Will Baptist church. To Mr. Brinker's second marriage, one daughter was born, who still survives. Mrs. Field was one of four children and she has two sisters: Mary, who is the wife of Henry Crosby, living near Cuyahoga, O., who has one son and two daughters; and Kate, who is the wife of J. L. Showen, of Grand Rapids, Mich., and has one daughter. To Mr. and Mrs. Field the following children were born: Lillian E., who is the wife of James Queeney, residing at Knoxville, Tenn.; Elva Florence, who is the wife of Clarence R. Corey, residing at Seattle, Wash., and has one daughter, Eleanor C.; Herbert C., an electrician, residing in Southern Ohio, who married Clara Decker, and has two sons—James and Herbert C., Jr.; and Catherine Estella, who resides with her mother. Mrs. Field is a member of the Christian church, as was her husband.

CHRISTOPHER W. DENNIG, builder and owner of the Dennig business block, at Galion, O., a commodious structure with dimensions of 22x120 feet, and proprietor of an old established business here, his grocery

store occupying the entire first floor, a part of the second and the entire basement, has been a resident of Galion since 1876. He is a veteran of the great Civil War, in which he bore an honorable part both as a private soldier and later as an officer, and is known and respected the entire length of Crawford county. He was born in Baden, Germany, Feb. 9, 1839, and is a son of Francis and Magdalena (Schentenhart) Dennig.

Francis Dennig and wife were natives of Baden and prior to marriage he learned the wagonmaking trade. In 1852, with their one child, Christopher W., they started for America, taking passage on a vessel that required 29 days to make the voyage across the Atlantic Ocean but which landed them safely at Castle Garden, New York. From there they continued their journey to Galion, O., Francis Dennig finally selecting a location for his small shop between Waldo and Marion, in Marion county, along what he deemed a well traveled road. His judgment proved correct and through hard work he accumulated some capital which he later invested in another part of Marion county but he died soon afterward, when aged 55 years. His widow and only son then moved to Marion and from there came to Galion, where the former died in 1900, when aged 73 years. They were worthy people and their son recalls them with respect and affection. They belonged to the German Methodist church.

Christopher W. Dennig learned the wagonmaking trade under his father's supervision and assisted in his father's shop until he decided to enlist for service in the Civil War. On Nov. 11, 1861, he enlisted in Co. D, 82nd O. Vol. Inf., which regiment was sent to the front, in West Virginia, and, with very little preparation found itself in active service. It was called on to face the forces under Gen. Stonewall Jackson, and participated in such hard fought battles as Cedar Mountain, the second battle of Bull Run, Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, Missionary Ridge, Knoxville, Dallas, Bentonville and Goldsboro. His service all through the war covered two enlistments and during the second period he held the rank of second lieutenant. He took part in that remarkable triumphant review at Washington, D. C., after the close of hostilities, and re-

ceived his final honorable discharge on May 24, 1865, from a regiment that had lost over 500 members. Although he was ever at the post of duty, whether marching or fighting, Mr. Dennig escaped all injury and was never made a prisoner, while comrades fell by his side and many were captured who never lived to return. On numerous occasions he had close calls, once a bullet singing his hair as it sped through his cap, while often shells exploded near his path and enemies lay in wait when crossing streams.

After he returned from the army to Ohio, Mr. Dennig was married in Marion county, to Miss Mary Haberman, who died at the age of 43 years. In 1876 he came to Galion, having previously, for four years, been in the grocery business at Marion, and for four years was in the machine shops of the Big Four Railway. In 1880 he returned to the grocery business, and in 1893 he erected the Dennig block at Galion, his business having outgrown his first quarters, and he, in association with his sons, has been established here ever since, conducting one of the largest stores of this kind in this section of the county and carrying a complete stock of fancy and staple goods.

Mr. Dennig was married second to Miss Mary De Vour, who was born in Columbiana county, O. She is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church while he retains his membership in the German Methodist church in which he was reared. Politically he is a Republican. He is much interested in Grand Army matters and is a member of Dick Morris Post, No. 130, G. A. R.

WILLIAM HEIBERTSHAUSEN,* deceased, for many years was engaged in business at Crestline, O., where his life was mainly spent and where he was universally respected and much esteemed. He was born at Crestline, Dec. 7, 1862, a son of John and Elizabeth (Pepper) Heibertshausen.

John Heibertshausen and wife were natives of Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany, and were young when they came to America and later to Crestline, where Mr. Heibertshausen was one of the first to embark in the furniture and undertaking business, having learned the trade of cabinetmaker before leaving Germany. He continued in business at Crestline until his

death, in 1889, when aged 56 years, his wife surviving him but a few months. They were members of the German Lutheran church. The family consisted of the following children: Charles, who lives in Indiana; William; Kate, who is the wife of Elmer Gilson of Crestline, and has two children; and Henry, who died at the age of 21 years.

William Heibertshausen attended the public schools at Crestline and assisted his father from boyhood, practically growing up in the business, and succeeding to it when his father died in 1889, and continued until his own death, in March, 1909. He was an honorable business man and public spirited citizen, and at times served in the city council. He was a strong Democrat all his life as his father had been before him.

On Nov. 22, 1887, Mr. Heibertshausen was married to Miss Lena Weber, who was born in Bavaria, Germany, April 4, 1867, a daughter of Christian and Caroline (Busche) Weber. The Weber family came to the United States in 1867, landing in the harbor of New York and from that city removing to Erie, Pa., and soon after to Crestline, where Christian Weber entered the Pennsylvania Railway shops. His death was caused by an accident in the roundhouse, Dec. 8, 1899, when aged 56 years. He was an industrious man and was respected by all who knew him. His widow still lives at Crestline, the mother of seven children, namely: Lena, who is the widow of William Heibertshausen; Mary, who is the wife of Martin Wilkinson, proprietor of the Gibson House, Crestline; Henry, a railroad man, who married Irene Helfrich and has three children; Caroline, who died unmarried, at the age of 21 years; Minnie E., who is employed in a store at Cleveland; Charles, who is an engineer in a steel plant at Lorain, O.; and Edward, a machinist, who lives with his mother at Crestline. To Mr. and Mrs. Heibertshausen two children were born: Alma Mary, who was born March 11, 1890, and who was graduated from the Crestline High School in the class of 1908; and Robert William, who was born Nov. 29, 1893, and who was graduated from the Crestline High School in the class of 1912, and is employed in the offices of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company in this city. The family belongs to the German Lutheran church.

JONATHAN SONGER,* deceased, was born in Ohio in 1834, a son of George and Sarah Songer, of German extraction, who settled in Whetstone township, Crawford county, O., at an early date. They were parents of seven children, five of whom survive, and were devoted members of the German Lutheran church.

Jonathan Songer grew to manhood on his father's farm in Whetstone township, and there passed his life, following farming and stock raising and giving attention to public affairs and private duties as became a worthy man and good citizen. He died on his farm in the above township, March 4, 1872, at the early age of 38 years.

Jonathan Songer married Miss Ruth Stewart, who was born some 60 years ago, on a farm two miles east of Bucyrus, O., a daughter of Joseph and Jane (Stean) Stewart, and a granddaughter of Hugh Stewart. Grandfather Stewart was born in Pennsylvania, of Scotch ancestry, and later married Barbara Stean, also of Scotch parentage. She died in Pennsylvania and he came in advanced age to Ohio and spent his last years at the home of his son in Whetstone township. He had three sons, Joseph, James and John, all of whom married sisters, members of the Stean family. John Stewart died in Pennsylvania but the other brothers came from Carlisle, Pa., to Ohio and settled in Crawford county, living and dying on adjacent farms in Whetstone township. Of the eight children born to Joseph Stewart and wife, two survive: Mrs. Songer and Charlotte, who is the wife of Daniel Sheckler. Mr. Sheckler was one of the early proprietors of the Bucyrus foundry, which later was merged into the American Clay Machinery Company. To Mr. and Mrs. Songer two children were born: Edward J. and Ursula Gertrude. The former is one of the leading citizens of Bucyrus and is mayor of the city (1912). Ursula Gertrude was reared and educated at Bucyrus and was graduated from the High School in the class of 1888. She is the wife of Owen Leon Bradley, who has been superintendent of the Carroll Machine Works at Bucyrus for the past ten years. Mr. Bradley is exalted ruler of the Elks in this city and is identified also with the Knights of Pythias. Mrs. Songer and family belong to the Methodist Episcopal church.

A. W. LEWIS,* attorney-at-law, educator and formerly superintendent of the public schools of Galion, O., is one of the representative men of Crawford county. He was born in 1868, in Richland county, O., but has been a resident of Galion since he was two years old and obtained his educational training here.

Mr. Lewis prepared himself for the profession of teacher previous to engaging in his law studies, and began as a public school teacher here in 1875. From 1883 to 1888 he served as principal of the city schools and in the latter year was elected superintendent and continued in that office until 1896. Although another profession has claimed his time and attention in large measure since then, he has never lost his interest in the schools and for more than 20 years has been a member of the board of school examiners. In 1890, while still engaged in educational work, he was admitted to the Ohio State bar and in 1896 he became associated with R. W. Johnston in the practice of law. Additionally, from 1903 to 1909 he had charge of the claim department of the Erie Railway Company and satisfactorily adjusted many accident and death claims. Since then he has devoted himself exclusively to his large practice.

Mr. Lewis was married in Richland county, O., to Miss Florence C. Speel, who was born, reared and educated at Shelby, Richland county, and previous to her marriage was a successful and highly valued teacher in the public schools. Mr. and Mrs. Lewis have three children: Georgiana, Wade A. and Robert. The eldest child was thoroughly educated, completing her school course at Lake View Seminary, at Painsville, O., afterward becoming a teacher at Galion and later at Tacoma, Wash. In February, 1912, she was married to Charles W. Fucht, of Mansfield, O., where he is connected with the Citizens National Bank. The eldest son, Wade A., was graduated from the Galion high School and then entered the medical department of the Western Reserve College, where he was graduated with his degree, in 1902, before he was 21 years of age. He then spent three years in hospital work, after which he came to Galion, where he practiced for one year and then became assistant surgeon for the United States Steel Company, at Lorain, O.

Robert H., the youngest of the family was a member of the 1912 graduating class of the Galion High School. Mr. Lewis and family are members of the First Presbyterian Church at Galion. He is identified with the Masonic fraternity and is past master of the Blue Lodge at Galion. In politics, Mr. Lewis is a leading Republican of this section and has frequently served as a member of the Crawford County Republican Executive Committee.

WILLIAM J. DENNIG, proprietor of the large grocery establishment at No. 134 South Market street, Galion, O., succeeding his father, who established the business 30 years ago, was born in Marion county, O., in 1867, and is a son of Christopher W. and Mary (Haberman) Dennig.

Christopher W. Dennig was born in Baden, Germany, in 1839, and came to the United States with his parents, in the 50's, locating at Marion, O., where the father died a few years later. The mother lived to be 73 years old and died at the home of Christopher W. Dennig, at Galion. When the Civil War broke out, Christopher W. Dennig entered the Federal Army, becoming a member of the 82nd O. Vol. Inf., in which he served for four years and when he was honorably discharged he was a second lieutenant. He participated in a large number of the important battles of that long struggle, including Bull Run and Gettysburg but was never seriously injured although on two occasions his clothes were penetrated by bullets. On one occasion he was captured but was shrewd enough to effect his escape before he was shut up in prison.

When the war closed Mr. Dennig returned to Marion, O., and remained there until 1876, when he came to Galion, where he worked in the shops of the Big Four Railway until 1882, when he embarked in the grocery business on Market street and continued active in business until 1906, when the Dennig Grocery Company was formed, William J. Dennig becoming manager, Christopher W. Dennig retiring to a large degree although still taking an interest in the affairs of the company. He accumulated a substantial fortune during his 30 years in business and owns a comfortable residence on Union street. He has long been numbered with the reliable and representative

men of the city, is a stockholder in several banks and has always been a liberal contributor to public spirited enterprises. He is a valued member of Dick Morris Post, G. A. R., at Galion.

In 1866, Christopher W. Dennig was married to Miss Mary Haberman, who was born in Hesse Darmstadt, Germany, and was brought to America by friends when a child of 12 years. She grew up at Marion, where she was married, and died at Galion, in 1890, when aged 43 years. She was a member of the German Methodist church, as is her husband. They had the following children: William John; Dora, deceased, who was the wife of C. A. Koppe, of Galion; Carl H., who is a resident of Galion; Edward E., who is in the clothing business at Galion, and who married Lulu Frank and has a son, Edmund; and Emma, who is the wife of Samuel J. Gommel, a member of the firm of the Dennig Company, and has a son, Robert D.

William J. Dennig completed his education at Galion, to which city his parents moved when he was young and when 12 years old he became a clerk in his father's store. In 1880 he embarked in the dry goods business in which he continued until 1898, in which year he went into the grocery line and, as noted above, is now the active proprietor of the Dennig Grocery Company. He is a man of substantial character and business experience and is numbered with the city's representative men. He is a charter member of the Galion Commercial Club and one of its board of directors and is vitally interested in all that concerns the progress and development of this city, lending his influence and financially assisting in public spirited enterprises of evident merit.

Mr. Dennig was married at Galion to Miss Nettie Gugler, who was born here in 1868. They had one son, Harold, who died in early infancy. Mr. and Mrs. Dennig are members of the German Methodist Episcopal church, Mr. Dennig being a trustee of the same. In his political affiliation he is a Republican.

CHARLES W. BECHTOL, a well known and highly respected retired citizen of Galion, O., occupying his handsome residence which is located at No. 250 South Columbus street, be-

longs to one of the old families of Knox county, O., where he was born in 1850.

MARTIN DURNWALD, one of the highly respected citizens of New Washington, O., a retired farmer, living in his comfortable home which is situated on Williacker street, New Washington, was born in Essen, Germany, Oct. 16, 1834, and is a son of Wenzel and Mary (Hiesel) Durnwald.

The parents of Mr. Durnwald emigrated with their children to the United States about 1854, coming directly to Crawford county, O., where they cleared 18 acres of cranberry marsh land, southwest of the present city of New Washington. Like other pioneers they endured many hardships and carried on the early farming operations with ox teams and hand implements but developed a good farm and lived here into old age, their later years being made very comfortable. The mother died in her 80th year and the father when aged 86 and both were interred in the Catholic cemetery at New Washington, having been faithful members of the church there. They had eight children, all of whom were born in Germany, namely: Margaret, who died in Germany; Anna and Elizabeth, both of whom are deceased; Mary, who lives at Toledo, O.; Magdalena, who is deceased; Martin, subject of this sketch; Peter, who lived in Chatfield township; and Joseph, who lives at Clyde, O.

After his school period was over, Martin Durnwald learned the principles of farming in his native land and after coming to America remained at home until he was 32 years of age, doing a large part of the clearing and cultivating of the home farm. Following his marriage he settled on 60 acres situated in section 23, range 17, Cranberry township, which he improved and to which he later added 80 adjoining acres, and continued the active management of this farm until 1903, in which year he sold his farm and moved to New Washington.

Martin Durnwald married Miss Mary Wentzlick, who was born in Germany and died at New Washington, Feb. 19, 1905, her burial being in the Catholic cemetery here, she having been a devoted member of the Catholic church all her life. She was a daugh-



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ter of Andrew and Elizabeth Wentzlick, and the mother of 14 children, all of whom were born in Cranberry township. Joseph resides with his family in Cranberry township; George, who is unmarried, lives at New Washington; and Thomas resides with his family in Cranberry township. Elizabeth married D. N. Weithman and they live at New Washington. Cecelia married John Hiler, who lives on a farm in section 3, Cranberry township, and they have had 12 children: Louisa, Alfred, Bertha, George, Charles, Rosa, Fred, Ida, Leona and three who died infants. Anna married Louis Rothchild, who was born at Galion, O., Nov. 8, 1869, and was killed by a stroke of lightning, June 16, 1912, while walking from his barn to his house, during an electric storm. His widow and four children survive him: Gertrude, aged 12 years; Emma, aged 11 years; Fred, aged nine years; and Lucile, aged four years. Magdalena is the wife of Albert Karl, of Cranberry township. Frederick resides with his family in Huron county, O. The other children died in infancy. Mr. Durnwald and family are all members of the Catholic church at New Washington. He has always been a strong Democrat in his political views and has conscientiously supported his party but has never accepted any township office although well qualified for the same.

G. K. ZEIGLER,* vice president and a member of the board of directors of the Second National Bank of Bucyrus, O., and a member of the firm of Zeigler & Company, proprietors of the Main Street Mills, is one of the older business men of this city, where he is still active in the milling industry with which he has been long associated. He was born in Montgomery county, Pa., Dec. 4, 1834, and is a son of Abraham and Rachel (Kroutz) Zeigler.

G. K. Zeigler had few educational opportunities in youth and the whole period of his school attendance was covered by a part of one winter session. When he was 19 years of age he left the farm and became an apprentice in a mill at Perkiomien, Pa., where he proved so apt in learning details and methods, that within a year he was made foreman, and in two years he made a grinding record, 42,000 bushels of grain having been passed

by him through his hopper. In the summer of 1855 he came to Bloomville, O., and was in the employ of Simon Keller, a well known miller there, for six months, when he went back to Pennsylvania. There he was induced to embark in the dry goods business but as he was entirely without experience in that line, he lost his entire investment. He took a practical view of the matter and knowing that he could succeed at mill work, he returned to Crawford county, O., and secured work in a mill at New Washington. Fifteen months later he came to Bucyrus, where he was employed by a Mr. McClain for more than two years, and for the next two years had charge of the Honey Creek mills, and then returned to Mr. Keller where he remained for three years. By this time Mr. Zeigler had established a reputation as a very competent miller and he was anxious to go into business for himself, this resulting in a partnership with Mr. Keller and they conducted a mill for five years, afterward purchasing and operating the Honey Creek mills. Mr. Zeigler's next move was to go into business with Mr. Keller at Napoleon, O., where they not only conducted mills but also built an elevator at a cost of \$10,000. In April, 1876, Mr. Zeigler returned to Bucyrus and became proprietor of the Main Street Mills, where the capacity is 150 barrels of flour per day, and since 1877 these mills have been continuously operated by Zeigler & Company and the enterprise is one of large importance in this section.

Mr. Zeigler was married in 1857, to Miss Ann M. Keller, who was born in Seneca county, O., and three children were born to them. Mr. Zeigler has never been active in politics but is a Democrat in his political convictions, and his vote as an honest and well-meaning, law-abiding citizen is always to be counted on. He can recall many changes in the methods of milling, his memory going back to the old water-wheel mill race mill, until the present when he can show interested visitors his own plant where the latest improved complicated mill machinery is more easily governed, working like clock-work under steam power.

HENRY C. SPONHAUER,* boiler and machine manufacturer at Galion, O., and for many years prior to 1911, when he retired,

proprietor and manager of his establishment at No. 316 East Main street, occupies the important office of chief engineer of the Galion Fire Department, with which organization he has been connected for 47 years. He was born Aug. 12, 1851, in Juniata county, Pa., and is a son of Martin and Lydia (Hilliard) Sponhauer.

Martin Sponhauer, who is one of Galion's most venerable and respected citizens, was born in Pennsylvania in 1822 and came to Galion in 1854, where he engaged in business as a druggist and continued until 1875, when he retired. Time has been gentle in its passage and in a very remarkable degree he preserves both physical and mental vigor. He was twice married, his first wife dying in 1853, leaving four children, namely: Ida, who is the wife of R. A. Williams, of Cleveland, O., and has two children—Morris and Ida; Stephen, who is a retired hardware merchant at Fort Wayne, Ind., and has a family of two sons and two daughters; Henry C., subject of this sketch; and Martin, who died unmarried, at Chicago, Ill., when aged 54 years. The second wife died in 1875, the mother of two children, Edward and Retta. The former was a railroad man and was accidentally killed at Hamilton, O., in his 26th year. The latter is the wife of John Smith and they reside at Cleveland, O.

Henry C. Sponhauer was three years old when his father brought the family to Galion and here he was reared and educated and learned the machinist trade with a local foundry and machine company. In 1882 he went into business for himself and for almost 30 years carried it on with success, frequently during this time expanding, re-equipping his quarters and adding to his office and shop force until now a dozen skilled workmen are required. In addition to boiler and machine manufacturing, a general tinning business is carried on. Mr. Sponhauer continued at the head of affairs until April, 1911, when he turned over his heaviest responsibilities to his son William, who is the present manager. It would seem strange to not find the name of Henry C. Sponhauer identified with the fire department of this city, for very nearly a half century has passed since he assumed duties as a volunteer in this protective body. Few

of the old names or personalities remain but Mr. Sponhauer has continued his active interest and has had much to do with building up the present strong and efficient organization, for 36 years having been its engineer and chief engineer.

In 1847, at Galion, Mr. Sponhauer was married to Miss Mary DeVore, who was born at Cardington, O., and was reared and educated in Morrow county and at Galion. The following children were born to this marriage: Florence, who is the wife of M. McDonald, of Rochester, N. Y., and has two children—Mary and Harland; William, who learned the plumbing trade and for some years was connected with his father's business, of which he became manager in April, 1911; Jennie, who is the wife of Frank Martine, of Galion, and has three children: Grace, who is the wife of Daniel Connors, foreman in a boiler shop at Elgin, Ill., and has two children—Robert and Mary; Blanche, who is the wife of Rollin Reingert, a druggist at Barberton, O.; and Verna, who resides at home. Mr. and Mrs. Sponhauer are members of the Lutheran church. Politically he and his son are Democrats, while fraternally he is connected with both the Masons and the Odd Fellows, being a Shriner and a member of Al Koran Temple, at Cleveland and past grand in the latter organization.

WILLIAM H. SNYDER,* who is one of the reliable and representative business men of Crestline, for the past 15 years has conducted a department store at No. 134 Seltzer street, where he has a commodious building, his store room of 23x101 feet giving him adequate space for the display and sale of his large and well selected stock. He was born at Crestline, June 13, 1870, and is a son of Adam and Louise (Scott) Snyder.

Adam Snyder was born in Germany, July 17, 1830, and was eight years old when his parents, John A. and Mary (Helfrich) Snyder, brought him to the United States. They settled at Shippensburg, Pa. but later came on to Crestline, where the father died in 1878, when aged 78 years and her death followed at the age of 70 years. They left Hesse Darmstadt, Germany, May 14, 1837 and made a quick passage for those days, being but three

weeks on the ocean. They were members of the Evangelical church. Of their four children Adam was probably the eldest. One died in childhood and one, Christopher, died at the age of 27 years. The other son, John, who is a veteran of the Civil War, lives with a daughter, at Chicago, Ill. Adam Snyder learned the painter's trade and during the summers worked as a decorator, while he made chairs in the winter time, having a shop of his own. He now lives in comfortable retirement and both he and his wife are aged about 76 years. He married Louise Scott and seven children were born to them, namely: Mary J., who is the wife of J. N. Kyser, of Crestline, and has one son, Ernest R.; Frank E., a painter by trade, who lives at Crestline, and who married Anna Libens and has the following children—Clarence, Albert, Margaret and Chester; Daniel, who died unmarried at the age of 36 years; Ella, who is the wife of Charles Hazlett, a railroad man at Newark, O., and has one daughter, Florence; Rosa, who is the wife of David L. Churchill; Minnie R., who resides at home; and William H.

William H. Snyder was reared and educated at Crestline. When 17 years of age he became a clerk in a local store and displayed talent also as a window decorator and then went into business on his own account. Mr. Snyder began in a small way on the same street where he has continued, nearly opposite to his present building, in 1900 moving into larger quarters and in 1903 taking possession of his present three-story building. He has built up a very satisfactory business, making something of a specialty of novelties but also carrying a full line of staple goods.

Mr. Snyder was married in this city to Miss Ollie B. Steward, who was born in 1886 at Cardington, O., where she was reared and educated. Mr. and Mrs. Snyder have three children: Louis E., Carl E. and Ruth L. They are members of the Lutheran church. Mr. Snyder was reared in the Democratic party but in late years has assumed an independent attitude as to political principles. He has been a resident of Crestline since May, 1856 and has done his part in building up the city's present prosperity.

LEVI L. ROOKS, a well known business man of Crestline, O., a coal dealer and also engaged in the teaming industry, was born in Huron county, Ohio, in 1845, a son of Ezekiel and Sophia (Tubbs) Rooks.

Ezekiel Rooks, the father of our subject, was born near Painted Post, Steuben county, N. Y., perhaps as early as 1790, as it was at a time when Indians still lived in that section, and the youth made friends with them and became familiar with their ways and speech. In 1814, with other adventurous men, he started on foot for Ohio and after his arrival purchased land in Huron county, about two miles from what is now the city of Plymouth, Ohio. For some years he lived in a log house or cabin, but later, after he had become more prosperous, he moved into a large two-story brick residence, which he erected in 1832, and the upper story of which he donated for a district schoolroom. This schoolroom was well lighted with eight windows and heated with a fireplace, and it is probable that Mr. Rooks furnished the wood for fuel, on the condition that the big boys should cut it, as was then the general custom in district schools. This was the first public school in the vicinity, the pupils coming from miles around. According to early custom, the teacher "boarded around," and was paid by subscription or by the united contributions of the parents of the pupils. The bricks of which this house was constructed were made from clay found on Mr. Rook's farm, and that the work was well done is proved by the fact that the house is still standing and in good condition.

On his farm Mr. Rooks planted an apple orchard that became known far and wide for its fruitage. In this one way, if not in many others also, he was a benefactor to Huron county, for from this orchard spread others and thus horticulture received early attention in that section. To the land he first purchased he added until he owned about 1000 acres. In every situation of life he displayed a resourceful character, and when he died in 1872, at the age of 85 years, Huron county lost a man of more than ordinary worth. It is sad to record that his life was terminated by a railroad accident. Politically he was a Democrat and always adhered firmly to the old time principles of his party. He never used in-

toxicating liquor or tobacco, with the exception of some home-made bitters for medicinal use, to which the members of his family had access, and his example in this respect was followed by all his sons, including the subject of this sketch, in whose house no filthy spittoon may be seen.

In Richland county, Ohio, Ezekiel Rooks was married to Sophia Tubbs, who was born in New York and came to Ohio at an early day. She died in Huron county when aged 49 years, a good and virtuous woman, whose memory is tenderly cherished by her son. The family of Ezekiel Rooks and wife numbered five sons and six daughters. One of the former, Alonzo, enlisted as a soldier in the Union army during the Civil War and died in the service.

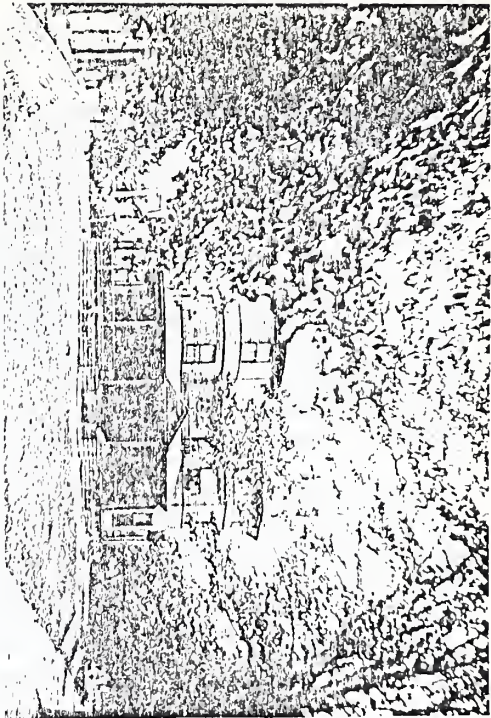
Levi L. Rooks remained at home in Huron county until he was 25 years of age, assisting his father on the farm. He was then engaged for two years in mercantile business at Plymouth, Ohio, and at the end of that time moved to Richland county, Ill., where he followed farming for 15 years. He then returned to Ohio and settled on a farm in Richland county, this state, where he spent six years, coming to Crestline in 1891. Here he subsequently went into the coal business and since 1902 has been engaged also in teaming. He has always been a man of action, both in business and in promoting the best interests of the community. In politics he is somewhat independent, often casting his vote without regard to party lines, as he deems expedient.

Mr. Rooks was married at Plymouth, Ohio, to Miss Annie E. Frye, who was born, reared and educated in that place. She is a woman of amiable character and is still capable of looking after her household affairs and enjoying social life. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Rooks, one son and two daughters, namely: Abraham E., Irilla Isadore, and Mary L. Abraham E. Rooks, who is now engaged in the grocery business at Crestline, for 17 years previously was a skilled machinist in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railway Company. He is married and has two children—Kenneth P. and Lethia G. He and his wife are members of the M. E. church at Crestline. Irilla, familiarly called "Rilly," is the wife of Albert H. Kinsey, who is en-

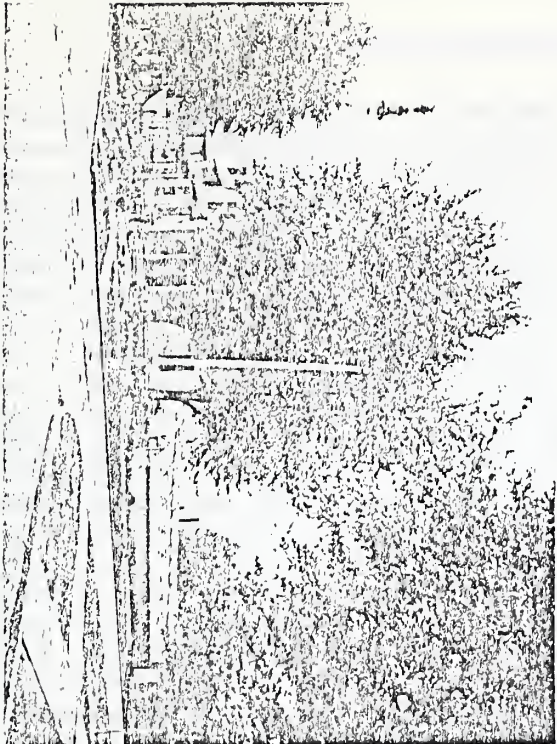
gaged in the drug business in Crestline; they have two children—Herbert Samuel and Albert Rooks Kinsey. Mrs. Kinsey is a member of the Presbyterian church and her two sons attend the Sunday school. Mary L. Rooks married Edward D. Miller, who is a telegraph operator for the Pennsylvania Railway Company; they have a daughter, Bertha Isadora Miller, who attends the Presbyterian Sunday school and who is the best pianist of her age in the town. Mrs. Mary L. Miller is a member of the Presbyterian church. Mr. Rooks is a member of the M. E. church, to which his wife also belongs.

ISAAC F. SWOPE, formerly a very active business man of Galion, O., now living retired, is a representative of an old Swiss family of Canton Bern. His grandfather was David Samuel Swope, a blacksmith by trade, who lived into old age but was survived by his wife, who lived to the age of 116 years. They had eight children and all of them lived and died in Switzerland except one son, David, who was the father of Isaac F. Swope of Galion.

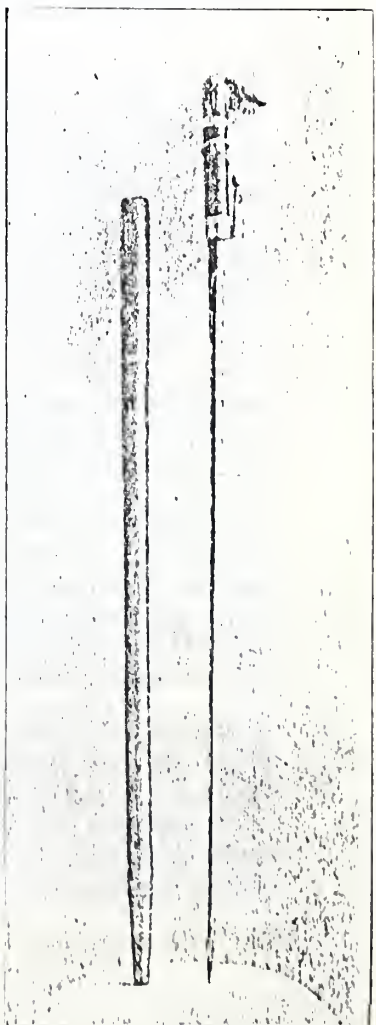
David Swope was born in Switzerland in 1800 and by the time he was 14 years of age had so continually assisted his father at the forge that he knew all the practical details of blacksmithing. It is not known if his father gave consent, but, at any rate, the boy took passage in 1814 for America, crossing the Atlantic Ocean in one of the old-time sailing vessels but reaching New York in safety. He made his way to Black Fork, Richland county, O., where he was one of the early settlers. He must have been a youth of unusual parts and ready for adventure, for in this strange country his first friends were the Indians, who admired his skill in tipping their arrows and and as he was kind and friendly with them they treated him in the same manner. In fact they became very helpful to him, assisting him in clearing off his land and as long as he remained in that neighborhood these friendly relations were maintained. In the early 20's he came to the vicinity of what is now Plymouth but was at that time called Paris in Richland county, Crawford county not being organized until 1823. Here he acquired a farm and built a shop in the northeast corner



THE HOPLEY RESIDENCE, MCYERS, O.



RESIDENCE AND GREENHOUSE OF E. G. NORTON, MCYERS, O.

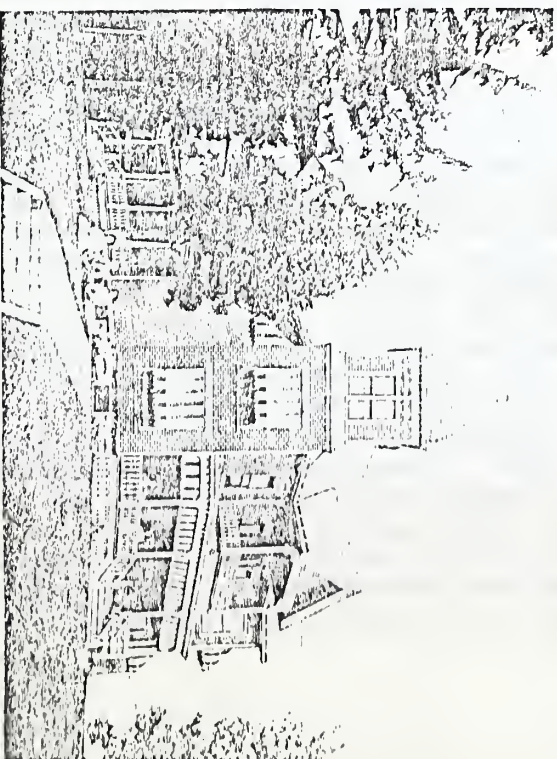


A SWORD OF WASHINGTON

In possession of Major E. R. Kearsley, of Bucyrus, Ohio. It is a sharp, three-edged French rapier, which Washington wore at Braddock's defeat, 1755, and upon which is engraved "Draw me not without reason. Sheath me not without Honor?" In the dark days at Valley Forge, Captain Samuel Kearsley and his estimable wife provided the soldiers with food and meat to the extent of their means. The charitable act coming to the ears of Washington, touched his great heart. The Commander-in-Chief ordered the troops paraded at Headquarters, and calling Captain Kearsley to the front, commended him for his meritorious services as an officer and his philanthropic efforts for the relief of the soldiers and presented him with this sword.

The precious relic descended to Major Jonathan Kearsley (born 1786, died 1859), a veteran of Lundy's Lane, Stony Creek, Chrysler's Field and Fort Erie, where he lost a leg.

The scabbard having been lost, Captain Kearsley converted the sword into a sword-stave, substituting a portion of the antler of a deer of his own killing for the hilt.



RESIDENCE OF FRED K. BERRY, GALTON, O.

of Crawford county. Here again he was surrounded by Friendly Indians, he using the same tactics as formerly and never had any cause to regret the fellowship he extended to his brethren of a darker color than his own. Here he improved a farm and as his blacksmith shop was one of the earliest, he had much custom. In the course of time he erected a handsome brick residence and put up a large barn, with dimensions of 80x40 feet. He had started an orchard very soon after locating there and later as many as 90 bushels of apples were gathered from a Rhode Island Greening tree that he had set out. He was a very progressive and resourceful man and was the inventor of the first threshing machine in his day, a one-cylinder machine that threshed the grain that went out with the straw. This ingenious invention was the cause of his death, for while operating it very satisfactorily, his clothing was caught accidentally and his death was instantaneous, this happening in October, 1852. He had accomplished a great deal totally unaided and at the time of his death had a competency and had he lived no doubt would have improved his crude threshing machine until, in all probability, he might have made a vast fortune as have other experimenters along the same line. In politics he was a Whig and in religion he was a member of the German Reformed church, a most worthy man in every relation of life.

He was married first in Stark county, O., to a young woman who had been born in Connecticut and when she died she left six children, the three survivors being residents of Ohio. His second marriage took place in what is now Auburn township, Crawford county, to Margaret Blum, who was born in Frankfort, Germany, in 1827 and was brought to Stark county, O., when young. She survived her husband for many years, her death occurring in 1876, when aged 69 years. She was a member of the German Lutheran church. Two sons are yet living: Isaac F. and Abraham, the latter being a resident of Shelby, O., where but one grandchild remains of his family.

Isaac F. Swope is the younger of the two brothers and he was born Jan. 30, 1816, in Auburn township, Crawford county, and was only a small boy when accident removed his

father. His mother kept him at home until he was 14 years of age, when he learned the painter's trade, which he followed for a few years but this seemed to bring ill health and he then learned the carpenter's trade and had a natural leaning toward architecture and later became a contractor. In this line he became very successful and completed contracts all over the northern part of the state, erecting buildings in different cities and through the country. He purchased a small farm on which he finds much enjoyment in growing fruit.

Mr. Swope was married at Plymouth, O., to Miss Emily J. Solinger, who was born at Belleville, O., where she was educated and was graduated from the High School. They have one daughter, Mabel Estelle, who is the wife of Bert E. Place, and Mr. and Mrs. Place have three children: Lawrence Earl, Margaret E. and Horace Frederick. In politics Mr. Swope is a Democrat but he has never been a politician, just a fair-minded, law-abiding, good citizen.

FREDERICK E. UHLE,* of the firm of Crooks & Uhle, machinists, at Bucyrus, O., and manufacturers of the Crooks' go-cart runner, have a fine plant and do a large volume of business, and Mr. Uhle has been connected with it from the first. He was born in Hesse Darmstadt, Germany, April 29, 1844, attended school in his native province and then learned the shoemaking trade. Every German youth gives military service to his country in some department, and in 1864, when the Prussian-German War was in progress, Mr. Uhle became identified with the army hospital service and continued until the close of that war. In 1871 in the war between France and Germany, he volunteered. He saw hard service, his duties frequently being continued both day and night, when he had charge of from 60 to 70 disabled soldiers. Finally he received his honorable discharge and a vote of thanks for his valuable services.

In the spring of 1872, Mr. Uhle decided to see something of other countries of the world beside his own and took passage on the steamer Simpare bound for the harbor of New York. After a short time spent there he made his way to Attica, O., where at first

he worked at his trade and through prudence accumulated enough capital to enable him to go into the grocery business, where he continued for many years, in the meanwhile becoming interested also in other enterprises and investing in property which he still owns. Prior to coming to Bucyrus he retired for a period from business care but later became interested in the invention of the go-cart runner, by his son-in-law, Earl G. Crooks, a practical and skilled machinist, and in 1908 the present partnership was formed, Mr. Uhle becoming then a resident of this city. The manufacture of this invention, which is a runner that can be adjusted to any kind of a go-cart, has been developed into a large business. The machine shop operated in connection is mainly for repair work of every description and it is equipped with machinery of all kinds, the motive power being supplied by electricity.

In the fall of 1871, Mr. Uhle was married in Germany, to Miss Wilhelmina Kramer, who was born in May, 1849, of Nassau, Germany, parentage. All of their children were born at Attica, O., and are seven in number. William, the eldest, is a prominent citizen of Attica, formerly a hotel-keeper and now town clerk and president of the local Fair Association. He married Jane Courtright and they have an infant daughter, Wilhelmina. Anna, the eldest daughter, is the wife of Rev. George Smith, who is a Lutheran minister stationed in Indiana. They have four children. Carl is engaged successfully in the practice of dentistry at Springfield, O. He married Helen Eckerson and they have one son, Robert. Edwin conducts a large meat market at Attica. He married Minnie Bookman and they have two sons: Clyde and Frederick. Albert C. is manager of a large cement plant at Columbus, O. He married Louise Farion and they have three children: Frederick, Louise and Nicholas. Eugenia is the wife of Earl G. Crooks, Mr. Uhle's talented partner in business. They have two children: Dorothy and Eleanor. Freda, the youngest of the family, is the wife of Philip Seifert and they live at Bloomville, O. and have one daughter, Alberta. Mr. Uhle and family are members of the German Lutheran church. Politically he is a Democrat.

PROF. THOMAS N. JOHNSON,* for many years was a prominent educator in Ohio, a man of scholarly attainments and of high personal character. He was born in 1846, in Harrison county, O., and died in 1892, at Cleveland, O.

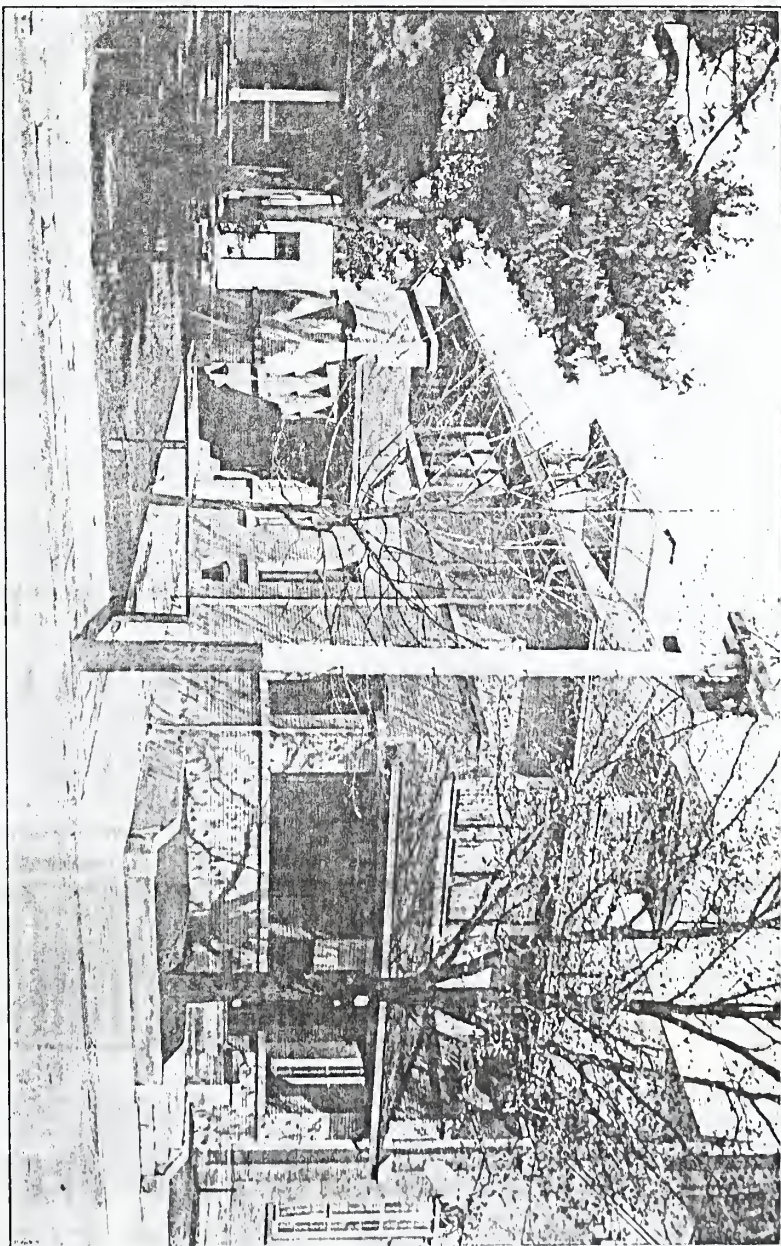
Thomas N. Johnson had district school advantages in his youth and displayed the mental gifts that led his father to encourage his ambition for a higher education and consequently he became a student in a Baptist college and later was graduated from Dennison University, at Granville, O. His subsequent life was devoted to educational work and after some years of teaching in Normal schools in Maryland, he became superintendent of the schools in Canal Dover, O., and from there was called to Cleveland, where he was an instructor in the public schools and also was a Normal school teacher. He was identified with the Masonic fraternity.

Professor Johnson married Miss Anna E. White, a daughter of the late Prof. Thomas Fuller White. The father of Mrs. Johnson was also a very prominent educator and for years was connected with the public school system of Pennsylvania, his death occurring at the age of 55 years, in Allegheny county. To Professor and Mrs. Johnson two sons were born, Alfred T. and Reginald G. Mrs. Johnson and sons are members of the Episcopal church. She is a leading member of the Current News Club, at Galion, and at one time was its president.

MAJOR J. CHARLES BIGELOW, deceased, for many years a well known resident and prosperous business man of Galion, O., and a veteran and honored officer of the great Civil War, was born April 10, 1841, in the State of New York, and was a son of John and Maria (Stout) Bigelow. Major Bigelow came of the old Bigelow family of Massachusetts which has contributed many distinguished citizens to the United States. His father died in advanced age at New London, O. In New York he was married to Maria Stout, who died at Canton, O. They were members of the Adventist church. Of their large family there are two yet living: Mrs. Elizabeth Wood, now of Alton, Pa.; and Frank, whose present place of residence is



JOHN G. HERBOLD



THE JOHN G. HERBOLD RESIDENCE, GALION, O.

not known. Two of the sons, John and Silas, served in the Civil War from 1861 until 1865, in a New York regiment and both held the rank of lieutenant.

J. Charles Bigelow was 21 years old when, in 1861, he enlisted for service in the Civil War, contracting for 90 days. Later he raised a company at Syracuse, N. Y., which became a part of the 15th N. Y. Cav., and he was advanced to the rank of major, filling that office when he was honorably discharged and mustered out in 1865, at the close of the war. He was in many battles and saw much hard service, being ever at the post of duty and danger, but he escaped all serious injury and at the close of the Rebellion returned to his parents at New London, O. Later he settled in Richland county and from there came to Galion. For nine years he was in the Government mail transfer business here and conducted a livery and transportation business of his own. His death occurred at Hamilton, O., in July, 1908.

Major Bigelow was married at Cumberland, Md., to Miss Eugenia White, who was born, reared and educated in Maryland, and is a daughter of Prof. Thomas Fuller White, who was born near Boston, Mass., and died in Allegheny county, Pa., at the age of 55 years. He was a college graduate and for some years was professor of languages at Charlotte Hall, Cumberland, Md., after which he went to Allegheny county, where he practically organized the public school system. His widow survived to the age of 78 years. She was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, while he belonged to the Episcopal church. Ten daughters were born to them and the following survive: Mrs. Anna E. Johnson, widow of Prof. Thomas N. Johnson; Mrs. Bigelow; Mary E., who is the wife of Dr. F. L. Brown, of Galion; and Alice and Jessie, both of whom reside in Maryland, Miss Jessie White being a well known teacher. Mrs. Bigelow and Mrs. Johnson reside together at Galion. Mrs. Bigelow, like her sister, is a member of the Episcopal church. Major Bigelow was a Republican in politics. He was identified with the Masonic fraternity and with the G. A. R. Post at Hamilton, O.

JOHN G. HERBOLD. Closely identified from his early youth with Galion's business

life, was John G. Herbold, the well known funeral director, the character of whose work brought him prominence and easily accredited him with being an artist in his profession. Mr. Herbold was born in Galion, Ohio, his life-long home, on July 3, 1866, and passed away there on Aug. 16, 1910. He was the son of Philip and Frederica (Feldman) Herbold, natives of Germany, and for many years well known and highly respected citizens of Galion. As a boy he attended school in Galion, his education being furthered by study in Cleveland, Ohio. When a very young man he became associated in the cabinet and undertaking business with his father, the latter long being one of the substantial business men of the city. Purchasing his venerable father's interest in 1899, he embarked in business for himself, locating at 250 South Market street. In 1909 he erected a combined residence and business block at 218 South Market street. The building, a handsome three story brick structure, is one of the finest in the city. Its first floor is fitted for the undertaking and funeral business, and includes a reception room, private offices, a chapel accommodating one hundred and fifty people, a morgue and embalming room. Mr. Herbold's equipments for his business were always of the best and his enterprise was noteworthy. He was the first embalmer in Galion, and owned the first funeral ambulance used in the city. Through his efforts the business to which he devoted his life was brought up to the present standard in which it is found in Galion.

Mr. Herbold was married June 4, 1895, to Miss Esther Burgener, who was born near Galion, March 23, 1867. She was a real helpmate during her husband's lifetime, learning the business in order to assist him, and since his death, continuing it, being capable and efficient in every way.

Mr. Herbold was highly esteemed and held in tender regard by many, his kind and sympathetic manner gaining and retaining for him the friendship of those with whom his extensive business brought him in contact. Mr. Herbold was an Elk, a Pythian, an Odd Fellow, a Modern Woodman, a member of numerous Embalming Associations and also of the National Association of Funeral Directors. He was associated with the Presbyterian Church, as is also Mrs. Herbold.

JEFFERSON PFAHLER,* who owns 100 acres of fine farming land situated in Cranberry township, Crawford county, O., lives on the 60-acre farm which lies in section 25, range 18, the other 40 acres being located in section 24, same range, the home place lying six miles southeast of New Washington. He was born in Cranberry township, April 30, 1864, and is a son of Mathias and Margaret (Gossman) Pfahler, and a grandson of John Pfahler.

Jefferson Pfahler attended school in District No. 5, Cranberry township, and afterward remained on the home farm with his mother, his father having died when he was not more than four years old. He continued to live at home until 1888, when he was married to Miss Mary Amanda Hilborn, a daughter of William Harrison Hilborn. In the spring of the following year he rented a farm of R. T. Geiger which he operated for a time and then located on his present farm which he worked for ten years for his father-in-law and bought the place two years after the latter's death. In a general way Mr. Pfahler found the buildings on the place satisfactory but since taking possession has added to them as he has deemed necessary and has carried on a general line of improvement. He has a valuable sugar maple grove on his land and makes this profitable. He is much interested in high grade cattle, hogs and horses and owns a valuable stallion, which, as a colt, broke all weight records at the county fair at Bucyrus. Since May, 1912, Mr. Pfahler has been practically retired from many of his former industries. On Oct. 7, 1911, he met with a heavy bereavement, in the loss of his beloved wife, who is survived by three children: Royal Emerson, Oran Harris and Iona Irene. The eldest son showed musical talent and was given advantages at the Dana Musical School and also in Chicago and now is on the road for musical firms. Oran Harris, the second son, taught school for several terms and now is foreman in the Fort Wayne Electric Works at Madison, Wis. The daughter is the wife of Melvin Hartman, who rents and operates Mr. Pfahler's farms. Mr. Pfahler is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and has served as trustee of the Tabor and Goodwill churches. In politics he has always been

a Democrat and with other responsibilities of citizenship, at one time accepted the office of road supervisor. He is one of the well known men and substantial citizens of Crawford county.

A. G. KIBLER,* who is vice president of The S. J. Kibler & Brother Company, wholesale dealers in hides, at New Washington, O., belongs to an old and representative family of this section and was born at New Washington, Aug. 1, 1877, son of S. J. Kibler.

A. G. Kibler attended the New Washington schools in boyhood and afterward took a course in the Tri-State College and upon his return home became associated with his father in the present business. When the company was organized he became one of the officers and travels for the company. He is president of the associated concern, the Lake Erie Hide and Leather Company, of Sandusky, O. The business is one of volume and importance in Ohio and is largely in the hands of the Kiblers.

On Nov. 6, 1900, A. G. Kibler was married to Miss Mildred Donnewirth, a daughter of John and Malinda (Hosler) Donnewirth, the former of whom is a resident of Bucyrus, while the latter is deceased. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Kibler: Alfred G., Jr., Beatrice Elizabeth and Eunice Winnifred. Mr. Kibler built the handsome family residence on Main street. The family attends the Lutheran church. Mr. Kibler has long been identified with the Democratic party although he has independent tendencies, nevertheless has served as a member of the Democratic Executive Committee of the county and for some six years has been president of the school board.

L. MELANCTHON SMITH, principal owner and managing director of the Bucyrus Publishing Company, was born in Lykens township, Crawford county, Ohio, Sept. 1, 1868, a son of Frederick and Lucy Ann (Shupp) Smith. The father, Frederick Smith, was a native of Saxony, Germany, who, on coming to America, first took up his abode in Columbus, Ohio, whence he came to Crawford county in 1840. He did contract work on the National pike and afterward purchased

a quarter section of land in Lykens township, which he brought under a high state of cultivation. He first married Christina Tipman, of Saxony, Germany, who died in 1846, leaving four children, namely: Louis F., formerly of Lykens township, who died several years ago, after having served as justice of the peace and notary public; John F., a farmer of the same township; Adolph G., a contractor at Aurora, Ill.; and Clara, the widow of Joseph Laipply, of Bucyrus.

After the death of his first wife, Frederick Smith married Lucy Ann Shupp, a daughter of Michael Shupp, a native of Pennsylvania and a pioneer of Crawford county. She was born June 3, 1830. The children born of this marriage were as follows: Cornelius, of Bucyrus; Matilda, who is now deceased; Catherine, wife of Jacob Meck, of Holmes township; Frederick, who is in the Walther hardware store; Henry, a farmer of Holmes township; Lucy Ann, now deceased; Jefferson I.; Emma J., wife of Abraham Scheifer, of Lykens township; L. Melancthon, subject of this sketch; and Sarepta, wife of C. H. Flickinger, of Holmes township.

The father of this family was a prominent and influential citizen of Crawford county and from 1862 until the time of his death served as justice of the peace. His rulings were fair and impartial and his wisdom and honesty were so generally recognized that his counsel in law matters was sought far and near. He was also township clerk for many years and during a great part of the time was a member of the school board and actively promoted the educational interests of his community. He was also a leading member of the Grange and in all things an active and progressive citizen. He died Dec. 3, 1877, at the age of 61 years; his wife passed away in 1891, when also 61 years of age.

L. Melancthon Smith spent his childhood days on the home farm in Lykens township and acquired the elements of knowledge in the district schools. He was only nine years old at the time of his father's death and at the age of 16 was obliged to begin the battle of life on his own account. He worked in the country store of his brother, where he acquired a taste for business and where he came into contact with human nature. He later at-

tended the Bucyrus High School and the Mansfield Business College. After graduating from the latter, he was engaged in business, and in 1891 bought an interest in the New Washington Herald and was associated there with his brother, J. I. Smith, deputy county auditor. In 1898 he desired to come to the county seat and accordingly bought an interest in the Crawford County News and became its business manager, filling that place so successfully that the consolidation of his paper with the old party organ, the Forum, was a logical result. He made many improvements in the Daily Forum and in the semi-weekly issue, which, since the consolidation has been called the News-Forum. One of his most notable improvements was the installing, in 1912, of a Goss Comet perfecting press for the more rapid printing of his papers. The Forum under its old management was scrappy, peevish and arbitrary in party affairs. Mr. Smith changed this and declined to enter into party bitterness. He believed in the right of everyone to express honest opinions and did not call names editorially nor speak disrespectfully of those whose opinions did not coincide with his own. If there was an argument to make, he made it, and if only nasty talk would suffice, he neglected the opportunity to use it. He has given to his papers a great deal more popularity than they ever had before. In party councils he has had an important place. For four consecutive terms he was chairman of the Democratic County Executive Committee. In March, 1908, he was appointed a member of the Ohio State Board of Penitentiary Managers, by Governor A. L. Harris, where his ability was used to the advantage of that important state institution. As a citizen he is public spirited and enthusiastic for the prosperity of Bucyrus.

L. M. Smith was married in 1892, at New Washington, Ohio, to Miss Bessie Sexauer, a daughter of Frederick and Mary (Zeigler) Sexauer. Mrs. Smith's paternal grandparents were Christian and Caroline (Schindler) Sexauer, both natives of Baden, Germany, who came to America in 1827, locating at Sulphur Springs, this county. After the death of her first husband, Mrs. Sexauer married J. G. Kinniger, who opened a wagon shop at Sulphur Springs, being associated in this indus-

try by his step-son, C. F. Sexauer, and together they carried on the business for a number of years. Mrs. Mary (Zeigler) Sexauer was a daughter of Dr. G. L. Zeigler, who was a prominent physician in pioneer times. Mr. Smith belongs to the Elks and the Knights of Pythias, and he and his wife hold membership in the Methodist Episcopal church.

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